

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 12/13/06>>>

David Petty, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. as the Special Meeting prior to this one ran over in time. Members present were Trustees Petty, Brian Randles, Joseph Smith, and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Office and B/Z Administrator; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Randy Solt, Acting Road Supervisor; and several interested citizens.

Petty asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing for a Moment of Silence in honor of our troops serving in the Military throughout the world.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- John Rogers of 5590 Waterloo Road thanked the trustees for lining Waterloo Road. He said it has made it safer. Commended the township for the mowing, road upkeep.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve minutes of regular meeting held 11-22-06. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith second by Randles to approve transfer within the Fire Fund as follows in order to pay for necessary fire vehicle repairs: Transfer \$3,000 from 2111-220-599 (Other Expenses) to 2111-220-323-0551 (Repairs,Maint). Motion carried 3-0.
- Randles asked Gill if firefighters get an annual uniform allowance. Gill said the contract mandates three new uniforms a year. Randles said the Columbus Fire Department has a good system for uniform allowance. Smith stated it must be done because it is contract. **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve yearly uniform purchase from Lancaster Sporting Goods, \$4,715. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve repairs to Engine 553 pump from Triad Fire, \$2,140. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$115,995.75 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$103,460.99 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Correspondence:
 - OTARMA ballot for Board elections and biographies for candidates. Two candidates for two positions to serve four-year terms. Due 1-19-07 of the trustees would like to vote. No input from trustees.
- Year End Inventory reports by departments need to be submitted to FO by 12-31-06.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Petty reported that he met with officials regarding Route 33 and Pickerington Road at the Engineer's meeting. Petty said he heard that ODOT will eventually close that intersection. The trustees discussed the need for an interchange.
- Petty reported the Route 33 Economic Development group has a consultant that is visiting businesses for survey purposes. He said the most common concern is the Route 33 corridor between Canal Winchester and Carroll needs development but road access is a problem. The trustees concurred with those concerns.
- Petty talked with Don Plank, developer of the proposed Chestnut Ridge subdivision who did not attend a special meeting with the township on November 9th. Petty said Plank thinks the commerce side of the proposed subdivision will continue but has put the residential plans on hold.
- Smith said he discussed with Cyphert the proposed Rocky Pipeline. He is working with officials.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Another Rockmill extension: Cyphert stated the developer is asking for another extension that won't change the final plat but the trustees can review and comment by Friday.
- Budget review: Because of budget cuts, Cyphert's departmental budget will still end in the black about \$1,400 higher than last year.
- Running Bear Run: Officials would like to know if the trustees agree to naming the run near the Ashbrook Covered Bridge, Running Bear Run. The trustees did not object.
- EOP report: Cyphert said the report is on the back table for the trustees to review. She said if they have any comments to please let her know by Friday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Gill presented an agreement proposed by the village of Lithopolis for a TIF for the Roger's property. The trustees would like for an attorney to review it. Discussion regarding which counsel should be used. Petty said he does not see anything wrong with the contract. Lithopolis Mayor Eric Sandine said the township would be made whole. Moore said that applies to the Fire Dept only. Sandine said it is boiler plate language and was prepared by Squires, Sanders, and Dempsey. Smith said Township Attorney Jerrold Schwarz could review it with the Fairfield County Auditor's Office. Sandine said our attorney could call Squires, Sanders, and Dempsey and talk to their TIF attorney about it. Gill said rather than use an attorney; he could take it to the auditor's office. Randles said it could be taken to the prosecutor's office. Moore said it could be a problem for the prosecutor since Lithopolis and Bloom Township are both in the county. Randles suggested having a TIF attorney review it. Randles said we will get a name of an attorney and have him review it. Smith agreed a TIF attorney should review it. Sandine and Rogers both offered names of attorneys they would like to review their proposal for the township. The trustees opted to use Vorys, Sater, Seymour, and Peas for legal guidance. Sandine said the village will offer the same agreement for other properties.
- Gill said he would like the trustees to address part time firefighter wages. He presented part time hourly wage rates from other townships: Violet \$12.00, Basil \$11.69, Millersport \$11.50, Pleasant \$10.30, Madison \$10.00, Greenfield \$10.00, Bloom \$9.00.

Township resident Donna Abram said the township should wait until the other fire department issues are resolved before addressing the fire department pay. Discussion regarding local government funds and concern about it decreasing. Petty said if it only affects the local government fund it would only affect the general fund and not property taxes. Gill said paying the current wages will get inexperienced firefighters putting lives on the line with fires and drug injections. Smith said an inexperienced firefighter should not be doing injections. Gill said to compare to other townships we should be at \$10. Randles said we need to quit comparing everyone's salary to everyone else within township departments..

Motion by Smith, second by Randles, to increase the hourly rate for firefighters to \$10 effective the first pay period ending in January 2007. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPT REPORT:

- Discussion continued from previous trustee meeting of two trees at 6685 Brandt Road: **Motion** to have Arbaugh Tree Service cut the two silver maple trees at a cost not to exceed \$1,300 per the submitted quote. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER:

Motion by Petty, second by Smith to enter into executive session to discuss employment, employee compensation and benefits and employee retention. Motion carried 3-0.

Upon returning from executive session, **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to come out of executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

Next employee wages were set for 2007 and road department superintendent named.

RESOLUTION #36-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES to approve:

- Appointment of Randall Solt as Road Supervisor at a rate of \$19.50 per hour.
- Three percent (3%) salary increase for dept heads Anne Cyphert and Terry Gill.
- Hourly rate of pay for Michael Kouns to increase to \$17.50.
- Hourly rate of pay for Scott Richardson to increase to \$15.50.
- Hourly rate of pay for Lisa Fisher to increase to \$11.00.
- Hourly rate of pay for Dan Starkey to increase to \$11.25.

All the above to be effective January 6, 2007. **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith.

Roll Call: Petty – yes; Randles – yes; Smith – yes. Resolution carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer