

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 12/27/06>>>

David Petty, Chair, called the meeting to order. 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, 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: none

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve minutes of the special meeting and the regular meeting held 12-13-06. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve supplemental within fund transfer of \$500 from 1000-110-230 Workers' Compensation to 1000-110-111 Trustee Salaries to meet year end expenses. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve supplemental within fund transfer of \$3,400 from 2111-220-230 Workers' Compensation to 2111-220-323-0551 Repairs & Maintenance-Vehicle. Further, to approve payment of \$3,352.14 to Company Wrench for emergency repair to M551 and to approve FireHouse software support contracts for \$815.00. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$21,353.14 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$53,713.05 having been certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Discussion of Organization Meeting: Petty stated he won't be here. Moore said she will discuss appropriations with him prior to his departure out of town.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to set the 2007 Organization Meeting followed by a regular business meeting on WED, January 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #37-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the fiscal officer is authorized to close out the year, do appropriations and present them to the trustees for approval at the next regular meeting so that bills can be paid at that meeting. Motion by Randles, second by Smith. Roll Call: Petty–yes; Randles–yes; Smith–yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #38-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that in 2007 the trustees and fiscal officer be paid the maximum salary allowed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Motion by Smith, second by Randles. Roll Call: Petty–yes; Randles–yes; Smith–yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #39-06: Motion by Randles, second by Smith BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the mileage reimbursement rate in 2007 continues to be the same as the Standard Mileage Rates set by the IRS. (NOTE: increases from \$44.5 to \$48.5 cents per mile for business miles driven beginning 1-1-07). Roll Call: Petty–yes; Randles–yes; Smith–yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #40-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the fiscal officer is authorized in 2007 to do supplemental appropriations between meetings for subsequent approval by the trustees at the following meeting. Motion by Randles, second by Smith. Roll Call: Petty–yes; Randles–yes; Smith–yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #41-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the fiscal officer is authorized in 2007 to create Super Blanket Certificates for a period of up to one year. Motion by Randles, second by Smith. Roll Call: Petty–yes; Randles–yes; Smith–yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #42-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the Fiscal Officer is authorized in 2007 to request advanced draws on taxes during the year 2007. Motion by Randles, second by Smith. Roll Call: Petty–yes; Randles–yes; Smith–yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.
- Discussion regarding contract labor for emergency weather work. Smith stated he is aware of an individual that will provide services.
- **RESOLUTION #43-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** to set the rate of pay for 2007 for contract labor for use during weather related emergencies for the Road Department at \$12.00 per hour for physical labor such as chain saw work and to set rate of pay for plowing and operating a truck at \$10.00 per hour. Be it further resolved that anyone driving Bloom Twp equipment must have a copy of their proper and current driver's license (CDL where required) to be on file before payment is made. Motion by Randles, second by Smith. Roll Call: Petty–yes; Randles–yes; Smith–yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.

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• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- All department heads have submitted their year end inventories for approval at the next meeting to then be forwarded to the FF County Engineers Office.

• **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Fairfield Department of Health wants twp rep there for JAN 9, 2007; meeting 7:00 p.m. Smith stated he received correspondence as did Petty. Smith will serve as the representative.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Smith said he discussed proposal with William Yapple, Operations Director for Violet Twp, regarding a Joint Economic Development District for the Route 33 corridor area for less than 2000 acres with Greenfield, Bloom, and Violet TWPS, along with Canal Winchester. The trustees agreed to meet with the other townships in a formal setting to discuss the possibilities. Cyphert will coordinate a meeting between the entities.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BLDG/ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Cyphert reported a surge in new residence permits in the last quarter of 2006. She presented the final permit report for 2006 that showed a 17% decrease in new residence permits. That is better than the national decline of 25%.
- Cyphert distributed an article on Farmland Preservation initiatives in Fairfield County.
- Cyphert stated the Village of Lithopolis, at the request of Mayor Eric Sandine, asked us to take our recycling bin out of the village. All three trustees requested that Cyphert get the request in writing from the village and we may send it to the prosecutor's office for review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Gill said Pickaway County, through their Homeland Security money, bought the fire department three 800 Watt radios. The trustees will need to formally accept them. **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to accept the three 800 Watt radios from Pickaway County EMA. Motion carried 3-0.
- Gill reported he had contacted Scott Ziance with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP regarding the TIFF-related agreement offered to Bloom Twp. by Lithopolis. He presented a letter of engagement from the firm that will authorize the contracting of their services. He said the firm ran a conflict of interest check to be sure they can represent us; that they had not at some point in time represented Lithopolis and that came back clean.
Motion by Smith, second by Randles to authorize Terry Gill to act as signatory on behalf of the township to employ the law firm of Vories, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP up to \$2,000. Motion carried 3-0. The trustees stated the firm may also be of assistance in the JEDD program as well.
- Ohio Fire Chief's Executive Officer Program: Two Bloom firefighters have been accepted into this college-level 3-year leadership program. The cost is \$2,500 per year for each firefighter. Randles asked Gill to congratulate the two. Gill said it will be paid for out of the training fund.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Solt reported Scott Richardson has successfully completed his probationary period.
Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve the continued employment of Scott Richardson. Motion carried 3-0.
- Solt discussed the Issue I Project and the drainage issue on Alspach Road. He and Smith have been discussing projects with Jeff Baird of the county engineer's office. He said Jeff Baird will be sending us a packet on the Alspach Road drainage project with a resolution for approval. Smith said there is an easement agreement that needs to be signed.
- Randles reported that they will be working on tree cleanup work. Randles said the road dept. has been doing a good job on taking the trees down. Moore asked when we would hear if our Issue 1 project is approved. Solt said we should hear this February.
- Randles thanked everyone for helping him and being patient in his first year in office. He said everyone made it an enjoyable experience for his first year.

ADJOURNMENT

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer