

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 2/22/06>>>

David Petty, Chairperson, 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 Admin.& Bldg/Zoning Admin; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Randy Solt, Acting Road Supervisor; and several interested citizens.

Petty led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sean Moore presented a Bloom Township Firefighters' Association contract for renewal. Current contract expired 12-31-05. Current insurance policy is 3 year policy, three Annual Installments of \$5,796.51. Policy is paid through 11-30-006. Sean said the language of the contract is unchanged. Petty inquired whether the contract period should be increased to five years. Sean said he was not opposed to that. Petty explained this association goes back to the days when volunteers were used. The volunteers are no longer paid. Now the proceeds go towards fire department materials. There is an insurance policy in effect. Bloom currently has eight volunteers. The insurance policy costs approximately \$6000 but includes every member of the fire department. Of the \$15,000 the Trustees give to the association per the contract, Sean said the insurance comes off the top and the remainder is paid to the association in equal quarterly payments. Randles appreciated the explanation of what the plan is used for. Sean said the money is used for fish fry start-up needs which typically cost between \$8000 and \$10,000. He said the Bloom part-time firefighters need the insurance more than the full-time firefighters. He said the part-time firefighters have no other benefits because they mostly do not work anywhere full-time. Petty supports five years on the contract. Smith asked what it would take to keep the non-profit status. Frank Reis indicated that isn't a factor. Smith requested to leave the contract three years since there might not be any volunteers after three years.

RESOLUTION #14-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES to renew the contract as presented for a three year period. Motion by Smith, second by Randles. ROLL CALL: Randles-yes; Petty-yes; Smith-yes. Resolution carried 3-0. Motion carried 3-0.

Petty thanked the Bloom Township Firefighters' Association for all the work they do.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve minutes of 2-8-06 regular meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$33,575.64 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$53,638.88 having been certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

- Announcements
 - Property tax advance received: Fire \$254,000; R&B \$40,000; Road Improvement \$58,000.
 - US-33 Carroll-Area Interchange Steering Committee: First meeting held Feb 21, 2006 at the new Greenfield Township Fire House on Havensport Road. Trustees said Petty, Randles, and Chief Gill did go the meeting and will discuss it later.
 - PO Box 12 has been closed. All Depts need to be sure they give change of address to anyone who has been sending them mail addressed to PO Box 12. Mail will be forwarded to the Lithopolis Road address for one year.
 - Email received from a Hocking County Fiscal Officer inviting township officials to attend records retention training by Pari Swift of the Local Government Records Dept of the Ohio Historical Society at the March 20th Hocking County Assoc. meeting. Moore said she forwarded the invitation to the other Fairfield County FO's.
- Randles reported on the Route 33 Interchange Committee meeting that he, Petty, and Gill had attended. Funding is still an issue. Randles presented plats of the four suggested Route 33 interchanges from Bloom Township into Carroll. Winchester Road will become a cul-de-sac. The plans will be kept at the township. Randles said alternatives 4B and 4A were the most liked. There will be a public meeting in March or April. Petty said they offered for the meeting to be held a Bloom Twp Office. Petty said the new extension proposed would come from Kauffman Road. Randles said some of the bridges will be 45 feet high such as the Hill-Diley interchange. Petty said it is estimated to cost around \$35 million. Petty said options 1 & 2 would take out more businesses and homes but would have lower bridges. Petty said price "guess" is \$30-35 Million Dollars. All options were about the same estimated cost.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Opening of Sealed 2006 Tree Removal and Trim Bids: The Fiscal Officer opened the sealed bids and Petty read them aloud. Petty said a decision will not be made tonight but all bids will be studied. Road Worker Dan Starkey will put the bids on the pre-formatted bid evaluation spreadsheet and they will be distributed to the trustees for evaluation. Bids received were from: Hydromaster, Davey Tree & Lawn Care, D-C Cunningham, Mid-Ohio Tree Service, American Arborist, Asplundh, and Arborturf.
- Lighting update by trustees for meeting room: Randles went to Sndyers, Lowes, Loeb Electric, Home Depot and more. He suggested having the front bench built up and florescent lights installed. Randles suggested getting estimates for laminate and he will do the constructions. Discussion regarding need for more electrical outlets. Randles asked Cyphert to have Mike Leatherman give an estimate for building up the counter top since he did the original countertop.
- Cyphert said she would like to do a photo shoot, a head shot of the elected officials for the newsletter. Cyphert asked the trustees to review the draft newsletter and suggest changes they think necessary. Petty asked for information to be included concerning the proposed Rt. 33 interchange.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to grant permission to SBC (AT&T Ohio Permit Department) to bury cable in the east right-of-way of Hummel Road, at a depth of 36 inches and a 70+ foot bore of Lockville Road NW will be done (Permit also sought from Violet Twp.) with restoration to like or better condition. All repair work to damaged tiles or culverts must be inspected by Randy Solt, Acting Road Supervisor, before restoral covering is complete Motion carried 3-0.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Cyphert reported a current legal issue is progressing nicely.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Gill reported that he transported 28 tornado sirens from Lake County for Fairfield County and they are being stored by Greenfield Township in their old fire house. The sirens are the property of the EMA. The EMA will do a study to see where they are to be installed with Bloom and Greenfield townships being given priority. Gill said hopefully installation will be at no cost to the township. Gill said we need to allow Tom Moe, EMA Director to do the planning.

- Gill presented a letter from the EPA concerning a study for a new firehouse at 8490 Lithopolis Road. New leaching is recommended. There is a possibility that the Road Department could also be located there. Gill asked if he could bring an architect to talk to the trustees. Moore asked about the time line. Randles asked for Moore's opinion regarding the financial issues of the project. Moore said she had talked with Gill earlier that day and learned of his plan to begin construction. She said we really can't break ground this year. Moore said the money must be available for her to certify funds before a construction contract is entered into. She said we will have \$409,000 during next year in the building fund. Moore said it is a good idea to move forward getting information and costing. Smith suggested talking to Mrs. Ethyl Wynkoop about purchasing extra land next to the township. Moore said she can't certify funds based on tax money coming in the following year. Petty asked what Moore thought our position would be after the second settlement in the Fall. Moore said this year we are putting another \$150,000 in the building fund. We would need the additional \$150,000 scheduled for next year based on the \$400,000 estimate that Gill has stated. Petty said ground cannot be broken until spring of next year but all the prep work could be done. Moore asked if a separate fee could be paid to the architect without proceeding with building. Gill said it is all one package. Gill will check further. Smith suggested nothing should be done until we get the land. Petty agreed we need to look at the land issue first and resolve that. Smith said they need to talk to Mrs. Ethyl Wynkoop about purchasing extra land. Petty said let's resolve the land issue first and then later in the spring talk to the architect. Smith said it may not be that long. Randles said he does not want to borrow money to build the sub station; we are in good shape, there is no reason to borrow money. Gill said he wants to keep pushing forward. He said he will be asking every meeting where we are at on this; he wants to go on record that Greenfield moved out of Carroll and we have a 10-12 minute response time to that corner of the township.
- Gill reported he asked an engineer at Horton to let him know if they ever got a truck in that was clean; they would like to take a look at it. He received an email about one, brought it back to the fire station where it has been for three days. The truck is a 1999 truck to replace a

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1996 truck with more miles that is stored at Collegeview. Truck came from Upper Arlington and has 80,000 miles on it. A brand new one just like it would be \$150,000-\$160,000. Price tag is \$20,000 and has a Horton box that can have a new chasis. Smith asked Moore about whether funds were available. Moore said it was not budgeted for and that she has always pushed to have money put in the vehicle line we didn't do it. Moore said we have more tax income anticipated than we had originally budgeted for. We could appropriate more if the trustees would like to. Discussion of the current 1996 truck selling for \$10,000 to make a net expense of \$10,000.

RESOLUTION #15-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES to purchase the truck from Horton for \$20,000 and replace the fund with proceeds from the sale of the old medic when it is sold. The money to come from the appropriation of \$20,000 of unappropriated money within the Fire Fund. **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith.

ROLL CALL: Randles-yes; Petty-yes; Smith-yes. Resolution carried 3-0.

- Petty read a section of Ohio Revised Code regarding sale of equipment through Ebay. Firefighter Eric Smith said there is a lot of surplus equipment that could be put up for auction. Gill requested Cyphert contact Ohio Township Association regarding sample resolution and/or form for Ebay sale.
- Gill asked for approval of a repair bill for his chief's truck.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve the repair bill of \$1010.67 for Chief's vehicle. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Solt presented proposals for internet service for the department. He is most interested in SBC ISP. The trustees agreed he could proceed with SBC.
- He said the department has been working on right-of-way brush and limbs.
- Discussion about purchasing the new truck and the need for a 450. Solt said it will haul more equipment and pull a trailer with a mini hoe. The other two trucks could be on their way getting material. Solt said the 450 will do one job and will last a long time. Solt said he could make room in the barn for the truck. The money has been appropriated for the truck. Solt said the difference in a 350 and a 450 is power and longer lasting. Petty said he supports a 450 truck. Solt does not intend to purchase a plow for that truck. Tom Scholl, Road Superintendent said he suggests looking at Walnut Township before purchasing it. The trustees agreed and said a final decision will be made at the next meeting. Scholl said the money is there from last year. Scholl said "do it." Solt said the longer the township waits, it may be out of the time limit. Smith said Scholl's input is needed. Randles said the money is there and it is costing us less and we're getting four-wheel drive compared to the two-wheel drive priced-out last year. Solt said Walnut Township only has dump trucks that are not CDL compliant.

RESOLUTION #16-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES on Mr. Scholl's blessing, that the money is approved to purchase the F450 truck chassis presented by Solt. Motion by Randles, second by Smith.

ROLL CALL: Randles-yes; Petty-yes; Smith-yes. Resolution carried 3-0.

Randles reminded Solt everything should come in under the \$50,000 appropriation.

- Scholl said he will get titles changed at township cemetery to show that he is not the sexton. Petty said Cyphert obtained sample job descriptions for road department which is for part-time and full time road department positions. One of the duties of the part-time position is to serve as cemetery sexton. Petty asked Cyphert to get copies to Randles and Smith so the trustees could act on them at the next meeting.

OTHER:

- Cyphert stated catering plans for the county association dinner are falling into place.
- Randles suggested installation of a light at the township office entrance.
- Smith reported a retirement party will be held for Scholl on April 30th, 2006. The trustees shook his hand and thanked him for his years of service.

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer