

>>BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES 07/05/06 @ 7:00 PM<<
BUDGET HEARING

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

Petty led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the 2007 budget and hear public input on the budget. The public hearing was advertised on Saturday, June 24, 2006, in the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette.

Fiscal Officer Moore had earlier given the trustees a copy of the budget and had made copies available to the public. Moore gave an overview of the 2007 budget. She said there is not much difference between the FY2006 and FY2007 budgets. Wages, insurance and Workers' Comp have increased. Next year we will be spending the \$409,000 from the fire department building fund. Moore said there is money in the General Fund for repairing or replacing the Greencastle Office roof but that we could put it back in for 2007 if we don't spend it this year.

Moore asked if anyone had any questions.

Randles asked for clarification on what happens to the Road Dept. carryover or the money we don't spend. Discussion of possibilities for unspent funds. Moore said the road levy expires next year but is collected at \$450,000 through 2008. Smith said it should run again next year. Moore said the five-year Fire levy is one year beyond the Road Improvement levy.

Moore asked if anyone from the public had any questions. None heard.

Randles asked about culvert reimbursements. Randy Solt said culvert money from this year will be billed to the county upon completion of projects.

Randles asked what comes out of the travel and meeting expenses. Discussion of various uses of this fund for OTA, UAN, National Conf., training etc.

Randles asked Solt if he is going to be in good shape for vehicles next year for the Road Dept. Solt said he has a new truck coming this year. He said he may want to trade in a backhoe for a new one next year. Moore said there is \$8,000 in the R & B line for Machinery, Equipment, and Furniture for next year.

Moore said if we don't pass a Road levy next time, the department will depend more on the Road and Bridge fund for all road work.

RESOLUTION #26-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that the 2007 Budget is approved as presented. The Fiscal Officer will forward Budget to the Fairfield County Budget Commission. A copy of the budget will be attached to the minutes and will be on file in the office of the Fiscal Officer.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles.

ROLL CALL: Randles-Yes; Smith-Yes; Petty-Yes. Resolution passed 3-0.

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer