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David Petty, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. 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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- John Rogers commended the township for mowing right of ways on Waterloo Road. He is concerned about the closure of High Street in Canal Winchester onto Route 33. That is going to cause more traffic on Waterloo Road. There are winding road safety issues on Waterloo Road. He suggested center lines to keep people on their side of the road. Randles concurred. Smith said they will look into it. Randles asked Solt when he would get with pavers to go over projects. Solt said soon; possibly the middle of July.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- **Motion** by Smith, second Randles to approve minutes of 5-24-06 regular meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- Discussion of Alspach Road/Lora Lane Storm Sewer Replacement Project initial billing of the \$7,000.00 agreement executed on 2-21-06. Moore checked with Jeff Baird of the County Engineer's Office. Baird and Eric McCrady are going to review a set of plans and get revisions if needed. The project could begin this fall if the trustees would like to push it or it might go into next year. The trustees said they would like the project to be completed in this year's budget. Moore will convey that to Baird.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to re-enroll in the Ohio Township Association 1-1-07 Group Rating Program administered by *Frank Gates Service Company* and to pay the \$5,200 service fee to Frank Gates. Note: The fee is the same as last year. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith second by Randles to approve payment of bill in the amount of \$4,000.00 to Lockwood, Lanier, Mathias & Noland, Inc. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$112,850.66 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$84,322.43 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to set Public Budget Hearing for July 5, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. prior to the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting which is moved up one week, and a special meeting for the Greencastle Substation Project at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #23-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the following budget revenue increases are approved:
 - Increase budget in General Fund, revenue account number 1000-701, by \$30,000 due to increased interest earnings. Increase budget in Fire District, revenue account number 2111-591, Intergovernmental Receipts, from zero to \$7,234.32 to reflect actual funds received this year. Also increase revenue account number 2111-951, Sale of Fixed Assets, from zero to \$15,100.00.

Motion by: Randles, Second by Smith:

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

Moore passed out the proposed 2007 Budget to the trustees. She gave an overview of the budget, invited questions, and offered to meet with the trustees individually to discuss the figures.

- Correspondences received:
 - LTR dtd 6-1-06 from Holly Mattei, RPC Senior Planner: Meeting on Subdivision Regs Monday, June 26, 2006 @ 3 p.m., FF Cty Courthouse, Commissioners' Hearing Room, 3rd Floor, 210 E. Main St. Lanc.
 - Copy of LTR dtd 6-1-06 from Frank Anderson (FFCty Eng.) to Myron Pakush (ODOT). Copy of LTR dtd 6-7-06 with attachments from Frank Anderson to Myron Pakush. Copy of LTR dtd 6-8-06 from Frank Anderson to Bob Clark of

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Office of U.S. Representative Dave "Hopson." All these ltrs with subject: *CR 20 Median Closure at US 33 And at High St./Bowen Rd.*

- Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Case No. 06-672-RR-UNC regarding Expanding Supplemental Assistance Program to Grant up to \$5,000 for Installation of Safety Enhancements to Local Highway Authorities on their Right-of-Way.
- Flyer: Public Safety/Service Communications Summit WED, June 14, 2006, 10:00 a.m. sponsored by the Fairfield County Firefighters' Association. Petty said he and Gill attended the meeting that was presented by Brad Shull. He said the proposed plan was to combine all city and county dispatching into one center on the 800 Mhz system. This would cost about 16 mills which included salaries. The committee wants the commissioners to put another sales tax issue on the ballot specifically for this proposal. Petty said that every government entity in the county would have to approve this. The 9-1-1 committee is going to talk about how to approach all county entities about supporting it. All public radios throughout the county would be replaced and no jail would be part of the levy. Shull said a potential building site could be at the Liberty Center. Shull said it's not just for public safety but all government entities. Shull said the city of Lancaster, Fairfield County, Violet Township, and city of Pickerington must endorse the idea before it can proceed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Right-of-way permit request: Cyphert said Columbia Gas is asking permission to open the road for gas line work on Smith Road between Elder and Route 674. The trustees will discuss the matter next meeting.
- Petty said the PUCO that might allow a grant which could allow up to \$5000 is for projects around railroad areas.
- Slough Road Barn issue: Smith said he looked at it and the leaning barn with caved roof is a safety issue. He said the township should pull it out of the way to a safe area. Solt said it's not our problem. Randles said it is a safety issue. Solt said township equipment won't do the job. Smith said it will. Randles said he and Smith will work with the road department this Friday on the project. Discussion of possible road closure during project. Smith said we will use flaggers. Smith said it should be pushed out away from the road. Smith and Solt will view the area tomorrow night to see what should happen. John Rogers said a liability release should be signed before work is done. Smith said the property owner has already agreed to have the work done. Randles, Smith, and Solt will meet tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. to plan the project. Smith said a neighbor would like to have the wood from the barn. Solt said he will need to coordinate with the county since it is their road.
- Discuss purchase of copier for township office. Moore explained the maintenance renewal agreement was not renewed due to the excessive cost. The copier has never worked right. Moore spoke with Chip Peterseim who told her we need a digital copier rather than an analogue (that we have now), and it would be more cost effective. The maintenance would be 1/3 the price and the agreement would include the toners and maintenance supplies. Moore wants to do more research on pricing of new copiers before quotes are presented to the trustees.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Greencastle drainage issue. Solt is working with the county on the issue. He believes the county has covered up a culvert. He will speak further on the issue with Eric McCrady. Dan Starkey said regarding drainage issues, the doors to the crawl space are dangerous and not effective. He said they needed replaced. He said he will get more information and present it to the trustees.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to accept estimates at June 28, 2006 meeting for mowing noxious weeds: Quote language:

Bloom Township Board of Trustees is accepting quotes for mowing of noxious weeds in Bloom Township. Bidders should provide their own equipment and liability insurance with the estimate and include the total cost per acre for mowing of noxious weeds. Quotes should be submitted no later than 11:30 a.m. June 27, 2006. Quotes

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can be mailed to Bloom Township Administrative Offices, 8490 Lithopolis Road, Carroll, OH 43112. They may also be delivered to the office Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

- 2005-2006 Permit comparisons were presented in a written report to the trustees. Permits are down this year compared to last year.
- Discussion of fee adjustment. Cyphert stated that in order to bring our permit fees more in line with Violet Township, she and Don Day (Building Inspector) are recommending an increase in our fees that would help improve the funding of the department. Bloom and Violet are the two townships in Fairfield County with a certified building inspection program. Day is recommending \$1,250 for a new house permit fee. Cyphert believes it should be closer to only a \$100 increase so as not to cause too heavy a hit all at once to the builders. The issue will be brought up at the next meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Station 551 roof replacement. Gill has obtained information and specifications for replacing the roof. He presented five estimates from roofing company. He recommended going with the lowest quote which is Ohio Valley Spray Foam at \$21,500. This will not need to be bid since it is under \$25,000. The foam would be layered over the current material. There currently are leaks in the roof. **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to accept the quote of \$21,500 from Ohio Valley Spray Company for roof repair of station 551. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- ODOT salt contract is due to ODOT by July 14. Solt said to use 300 tons as the estimated usage. **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to enter into the contract as presented by ODOT for purchase of salt for next winter season. Motion carried 3-0.
- Solt is working on culvert and paving projects with Shelly Company. Solt has a plan for roads to receive paving and or chip and seal which he verbally relayed to the trustees. Moore asked Solt to provide a written list of roads and prices for trustee approval at the next meeting.
- Dan Starkey reported that he had spoken with Frank Schwartz about moving the historic building at the Greencastle site. He also spoke with Sue Hockman from the Geneology Society about it. The trustees said it will need to be moved by March 1, 2007. Starkey said a company may be able to salvage slate and brick from the building. Smith suggested moving it to a historical park. Starkey will look into revenue possibilities for salvaging the building. Petty said perhaps a benefactor would like to buy the site with building in exchange for land for a fire stations. All trustees agreed that anyone wanting to move the building must do so prior to March 1, 2007.

OTHER:

- Randles said he and Smith attended an open session on the ODOT plan to close Pickerington Road at Route 33. He said he believes ODOT will continue with closing the intersection.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to go into executive session for discussion of employment of personnel. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to come out of executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer