

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 5/10/06>>>

Call to Order by David Petty, Chair. Members present were Trustees Petty, Brian Randles, and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Trustee Joseph Smith was out of town and absent from the meeting. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Office Admin. & Bldg/Zoning Admin; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Randy Solt, Acting Road Supervisor and interested citizens.

Petty led in the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve minutes of 4-26-06 regular meeting and 4-26-06 special meeting. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$30,844.17 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$50,250.70 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 2-0.
- Correspondences:
 - Letter from Village of Canal Winchester requested ideas by May 8, 2006, RE historic Middle School complex long-term use. This is due to a study regarding whether there are opinions related to their suggestions. Petty said he will contact Canal Winchester to get more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion: County Commissioners' request for township resolution indicating whether or not the township would like to see countywide access management adopted and, if so, whether the township would like to have the County Engineer handle permitting within the township. Cyphert explained that Randy Solt currently performs the driveway inspections for township roads. Larry Coyle explained that Hocking Twp. has tried to derail any public hearings or any action by the commissioners on the issue but there will be public hearings. Cyphert expressed concern that Bloom Township should not have to pay fees to the county for their access management and that the county should collect the fee from the homeowner. Petty concurred. Cyphert said on some county roads in the township the county is making the property owner move the driveway closer to the lot line than zoning allows. Solt stated he has had to make a property owner move the driveway in the past for safety reasons but has them stay within the zoning requirements. Petty and Randles agreed the township should not be caught in the middle between the homeowner and the county and the township should have no responsibility as far as the fees are concerned. Petty said he thinks the Engineer's Office is the best to do the job for uniformity for the county. Coyle gave example where uniformity could prevent accidents in anticipation of driveways after cresting a hill. Petty said he wants our Road Department to control how the road is put in. Petty will talk to Commissioner Jon Meyers to voice the township's position.
- South Central High Speed Internet Satellite Service is available and Cyphert is checking into it. She will consult the trustees if the mounting of the dish would have to be installed on the roof. She said she met with the F.O. and was told the funds are within the budget and the equipment costs would not exceed the spending without resolution threshold. They are accepting 400 new customers at this time. The trustees did not object as long as there would be no roof mount.
- Randles suggested painting the main meeting room. Randles suggested having his neighbor do the painting. Moore suggested the trustees get three estimates. Randles said we can do that but his neighbor will have the lowest bid because he is reasonable.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion of drainage project to take water along side Greencastle Office Bldg to front of property. Solt explained the difficulty in "sleeving the project" that would involve digging up driveway and sidewalk. Randles asked if this project should blend in with building of the fire substation. Solt said he is delivering dirt to the township to build up the area. Moore and Cyphert expressed concern about the current draining of water onto the neighbor's property and the overworking of the sump pump. Solt said the county road project on Lithopolis Road contributed to the problem. Solt said he plans to meet with Eric McCrady of the County Engineer's Office to discuss drainage issues and he hopes to report back at the next meeting.
- Discuss and possibly appoint committee for planning new fire substation: Randles suggested tabling it until Smith returns. Gill said he spoke to Violet Township fire chief who has offered that Gill could look through his box of information from their fire building project.

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- Larry Coyle reported on Regional Planning. Route 33 Traffic Light Issue: Coyle said members of RPC object to eliminating a traffic light at Route 33 and Pickerington Road. Coyle suggested the Board of Trustees send a letter to two state officials stating the township's opposition. Randles suggested Gill send a letter of opposition as well from the Fire Department. Petty stated something is needed to slow traffic but not a light. Randles left a message with State Representative Tim Schaffer asking for assistance as well. Discussion of contents to be included in a letter to the two state officials. Cyphert will draft a letter based upon the trustees suggestions and will submit it for approval at the next meeting.
- Petty said a meeting for a possible development of Chestnut Ridge subdivision for May 19, at 10:00 a.m. at RPC. Petty, Gill, and Cyphert will attend.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Cyphert informed the trustees she is working with Sheriff Dave Phalen on meeting locations for his Safety First project.
- Cyphert presented the trustees with an article and picture from her newspaper column on Tom Scholl's retirement.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to cancel Cyphert's Arch pager account and to amend Resolution 62-03 to increase her cell phone allowance by \$15 per month. Motion carried 2-0. This gives text messaging to Cyphert thru VerizonWireless with a net savings to the township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Gill presented the trustees with a proposed advertisement for auction of the excess medic.
- Gill reported on a fire the big white medic experienced following an emergency run in Columbus. Company Wrench said the starter caused an electrical short and a small fire. The insurance company will cover the cost of the damage but the township is responsible for the replacement of the starter. The bill is \$1,367 and the insurance will pay approximately \$800. Gill said our premiums should not be affected.
- Gill reported that ODOT advised we purchase extra cases of rubber gloves, face masks because they could be in short supply if a Bird Flu epidemic were to occur. Gill said they will keep it under the spending limit and will put them in a locked room. Gill said they may need to move some money in the budget at the end of the year due to the unanticipated expense.
- Gill gave the trustees a copy of the Ohio Fire Chiefs Magazine which advertises a conference on clean up of roadways from traffic accidents and needed equipment. Gill wanted to recognize Jeff Cotner, firefighter, who has been working with ODOT on a program called "Quick Clear" to open up traffic following accidents. Goal is to prevent police officers and firefighters from being run over at the scene of accidents. Vests, signs, striping on back of trucks are part of it.
- Gill shared an article written by the State of Ohio Fire Academy's Public Information Officer. Gill was an instructor in a Fire Behavior Lab in Alexandria in April that taught about equipment that Bloom Township already has. Shortly thereafter, the next week, firefighters fought a house fire in Alexandria. Information learned in the Fire Behavior Lab was credited with saving property, resources and possibly lives in the Alexandria house fire.
- Randles said there would be a letter going to the firefighter's association thanking them for the money they donated to Tom Scholl's retirement party.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Review of quotes for F450 body. Solt said it will take six to eight weeks for delivery so a decision is needed tonight. **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to accept proposal from ABC Company for \$16,718 which will keep the total truck purchase under the budgeted \$50,000. Motion carried 2-0.
- Petty read a work agreement proposed by Solt at the request of Lithopolis. **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve as presented the Work Agreement between Bloom Township and the Village of Lithopolis for mowing at \$53 per hour for the Right-of-Way areas of Lithopolis Road between Elder Lane and Oregon Road for the 2006 mowing season. The Village of Lithopolis will do all traffic control during the mowing. Motion carried 2-0.
- Discussion of spec sheets now available for the summer road maintenance chip & seal and for the paving. Solt said they have sent only one bid package out so far.
- Solt sent the culvert list to county for pre-approval: Solt said the county has approved it. He will need to order culvert pipe so he will be ready to start on June 6, 2006.

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- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve up to \$15,130.90 for culvert materials of pipe and gravel to complete the approved culvert projects. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve expenditure of \$1,307.00 for culvert piping to be installed along Alspach Road across from 7769 to keep road from slipping over in ditch. 24" X 100' @ 15/ft. Motion carried 2-0.
- Update on Brandt Road: Solt said when he went over to the site, the trees were gone, and that was a great improvement. He thanked Bob Stebelton for his assistance in the project and for supplying the dozier and the manpower for it. Solt plans to seed and straw the construction area. He will report back to the trustees in the future about other expenses needing approved for the project. He is also investigating the pricing of materials for dust control. Dan Starkey and Randy Solt will send a letter of thanks to Stebelton.
- ODOT Salt contract received. Not due to ODOT until July 14th. Will approve at a future meeting.
- Dan Starkey, Cemetery Sexton, reported his cemetery software is in and is a better management system than he had anticipated. Randles asked if he had specific hours. Starkey says he generally spends hours there on a specific basis but not always. He will also present the trustees with a genealogical proposal at the next meeting. Randles told him to get with Cyphert before the meeting about the proposal.

OTHER:

- Cyphert stated she just received a letter from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control regarding Marcy Diner. She expressed concern that if they are adding liquor they may need to re-zone for business as they are now a non-conforming use. Adding something to the business would maybe lose its non-conformity. She will contact the owner to see what plans are being made for the business. On the letter from the state, they give the option of holding a public hearing on the matter. She asked the trustees if she could respond on behalf of the township to request a hearing if she finds the non-conformity is in violation of zoning. The trustees stated they do not object to requesting a hearing if she finds it necessary after conversing with the owner.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment duties. Motion carried 2-0.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty to come out of executive session. Motion carried 2-0.

- Dan Starkey asked the trustees if he could be put on the uniform account. Trustees concurred.

ADJOURNMENT:

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer