

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 5/24/06>>>

David Petty, Chairperson, 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: None

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- Fiscal Officer Carol Moore requested that the trustees approve the minutes of the 5-10-06 regular meeting. Trustee Brian Randles said he would like to make a clarification to the minutes regarding his statement that his neighbor would be the lowest bidder for painting the meeting room. Randles said that what he meant by that, and what you would hear if you went on to listen to the tape afterwards, is that he suggested we could wait till Smith got back (from out of town) and that he may give him (his neighbor) a call to look at it. He said he didn't mean that he was going to tell his neighbor to be the lowest bid. Petty said that is the way he had interpreted Randles' comments – that because his neighbor was independent, Randles expected him to be the lowest bid. Moore said that she attempts to put in enough information in the minutes to show how decisions are made. Randles said again that he meant he would expect his neighbor to be the lowest bidder. Randles made the **Motion**, with those comments, to approve the 5-10-06 minutes, second by Smith. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$23,424.89 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$41,254.67 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Announcements: Reminder to department heads. Budgets are due to the F.O. by June 1st.
- Correspondences:
 - Letter from B-C Superintendent to Bloom Twp officials about Community Engagement Initiative meeting scheduled for May 25th @ 6:30 p.m. @ Greenfield Twp Firehouse 3245 Havensport Rd. Moore stated they are looking for anyone from Bloom Township to be involved in the CEI. Cyphert explained that she is involved on the township's behalf for zoning/growth areas.
 - DISTRICT 17 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE: Trustees discussed the candidates up for election. **Motion** by Smith, second Randles to vote for Greg Butcher, Township Engineer from Violet; Karen Barger, Township Trustee from Madison Township (Licking Cty), and Don Bloom, Township Trustee from Perry Township (Morrow Cty). Motion carried 3-0.
 - Smith stated ODOT will hold meeting at Peace Church 5-6:30 p.m., June 1st to vote on the Route 33/Pickerington Road light closure issue. Petty asked for Cyphert's assistance in getting the notice out to the news media.
 - Petty read a letter prepared by Cyphert to ODOT regarding the Route 33/Pickerington Road closure issue. Petty complimented her on the letter and all three trustees signed it.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Greencastle drainage issue: Solt explained he met with Eric McCrady from the Engineer's Office regarding draining onto the neighbor's property. No resolution was reached so far in the matter; however the Engineer's Office will look into it.
- Petty updated the board on the county's access management plan. The county will handle all fees. The township will not have financial responsibility in the issue.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to endorse the county Engineer's Office's plan to do the access management. Motion carried 3-0.

- Petty updated the board on the RPC meeting with county officials, Violet Township, and Bloom Township officials regarding a through road at the proposed Chestnut Ridge subdivision. Petty, Gill, and Cyphert attended the meeting. Diley Road extension is being considered. Developer wants government entities to consider funding a through road in the development. Petty stated he believes that the developer can put the road in with three phases without a bridge. Petty said RPC is presenting this as an alternate route out of the township. All agreed this would not serve that purpose. The bridge is the only thing that benefits the

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community at large. Government entities can look at possibly funding the bridge project. All agreed the project in question lies almost entirely in Violet Twp. Petty said his position is Bloom Twp does not TIF anything that is in Bloom Twp. Smith would like to talk with Mr. William Boving to discuss an alternate road plan involving the Boving property. Smith stated perhaps Mr. Boving could attend the ODOT meeting on June 1.

- Update on proposed Fire Substation building committee. Petty stated he and Chief Gill had discussed that they would like people from the “old guard” on the committee. The recommendations for the committee are Lloyd Zuck (community member and volunteer), Gill, one full-time firefighter on a volunteer basis with no overtime, Fiscal Officer Moore, and the three trustees. Recommendation is to hold them the second meeting of each month at 6:30 p.m. Smith suggested having Stanley Wilson (former fire chief). Randles asked Firefighter Brad Shull if he was interested. Moore said this would be a special meeting of the trustees rather than a committee meeting. Petty would like all invited to have a vote. It was decided all invited would have input but only the trustees would have a vote because this would be a special meeting of the trustees. It was decided that Cyphert would send invitations out to those mentioned above asking them to attend the special meetings to give their advice, input, and/or opinions regarding the project.

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to hold two special meetings on Wednesday, 14, 2006; the first one at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the building of a new fire substation at the Greencastle Complex; then hold a special quarterly meeting at 7:00 p.m. the same evening for the purpose of discussing labor management issues with the firefighters. Motion carried 3-0.

- Petty spoke with Dan Starkey who is meeting with the Genealogical Society who may have interest in relocating the old school house building.
- Road bids: Moore presented one sealed bid. Petty announced it was from Shelly Company, Rick Bennett, General Manager. Petty stated he had spoken with another interested bidder who declined to bid. Petty read the bid information with a performance bond and other pertinent information. **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to accept the Shelly Company bid for paving and chip & seal for the summer road maintenance project. Motion passed 3-0.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

Cyphert presented the following information:

- Marcy Store: She spoke with the owner and the question regarding the liquor license will not affect its non-conforming use.
- South Central Power has installed the Wild Blue High Speed internet. Petty explained he met with the installers and supported their decision to install it on the asphalt roof without affecting the slate roof.
- Cyphert will bring a resolution before the board at its next meeting regarding noxious weed bids. She said one of the problem Greencastle properties has had its noxious weeds cut.
- Township resident Brett Henne is considering an Eagle Scout project involving a flag pole and flower bed in front of the main township office.
- Cyphert is working with the EPA on a tire storage issue at a former junk yard on Coonpath Road.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Gill presented the following report:

- He asked the trustees for clarification on how often the board wants department reports. The trustees said monthly reports are sufficient.
- Red Medic was sold for \$15,100 and will be picked up this weekend. A man will overnight a certified check before picking it up.
- Gill, Lt. Jeff Cotner, and a state academy representative were guests on WLOH *Point to Point*.
- ODOT letter has been sent on behalf of the fire department concerning the traffic lights on Rt 33.
- Smith asked how much wire is needed for tornado sirens. Gill will ask IT representatives for clarification on the wiring. Smith said he has access to wire that could be used. Smith said he was disappointed about the association newsletter mentioning weather radios and

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not tornado sirens. He checked with Radio Shack and asked them to price weather radios for all of Fairfield County. He asked for the association to back him up on this and get a better deal for the county residents. Lt. Frank Reis explained the difference in quality of weather radios. Smith suggested talking to a non-profit organization for additional funding.

- Randles stated he spoke with Gill about a concern addressed to him from the owner of J&R's regarding the possible banning of the public parking in his private lot on Memorial Day. The village of Lithopolis is responsible for this issue and calls have been referred to the mayor's wife.
- Gill stated EMA Director Tom Moe is retiring. There will be a retirement party for him on Friday.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Randy Solt reported he had also sent a letter to ODOT regarding Route 33 and Pickerington Road.
- Solt presented the trustees with proposed expenditures for Brandt Road. **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve the expenditure of \$5,666.73 for the Brandt Road project. Motion carried 3-0. Solt stated other townships will be working cooperatively with Bloom Township on paving needs.

OTHER:

- Township resident Frank Schwartz stated he spoke to the board several years ago regarding the historic nature of Lithopolis Road. He said with the proposed development, the township needs to be on the stick and keep what is historically important. He encouraged the trustees to stay on top of it. He said was assured by former township trustee Larry Coyle that the historical aspects of the township would be addressed but feels Coyle ignored those needs. He said the Canal Winchester Historical Society will offer assistance in any manner it can to preserve the historical aspects of the township. He encouraged the board to work with the state for assistance as well. He explained the historical significance of Greencastle stating the intersection was known as the War Road. That is when Greencastle was laid out by Mr. Courtright. He explained the Prentiss School project that was undertaken. He said he will help volunteer to help obtain preservation efforts. He said he is also active in the preservation of Rock Mill. He is concerned that the old building where the fire department substation is proposed should be preserved and not torn down brick by brick.

ADJOURNMENT

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer