

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 11/08/06>>>

NOTE: The special meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. prior to this meeting did not occur because the developer did not appear for the meeting.

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 and Bldg/Zoning Administrator; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Randy Solt, Acting Road Department Supervisor; and several interested citizens.

Petty asked the audience to join with him in the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing, after the completion of the Pledge of Allegiance, for a moment of silence in honor of our troops who are serving in the Military throughout the world.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve minutes of regular meeting held 10-25-06. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve within fund transfer of \$100.00 from 1000-120-323 (Repairs and Maintenance) to 1000-760-740 (Machinery, Equipment, Furniture) for additional money needed to pay for tornado sirens. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$37,991.79 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$52,390.60 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Update on Implementation of OTARMA recommendations. Cyphert presented a suggested general driving rules and regulations policy for the trustees to review. She stated these are not required policies from OTARMA but are recommended. The trustees will review the documents and they will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Correspondence: Ltr from FF Cty Assoc of Trustees & FO's: Annual Banquet DEC 10 @ 6:00 p.m. Moore said she needs a count of members attending by NOV 21.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Medical Insurance renewal: Moore stated she is awaiting information from the agent regarding 2007 rates. Gill said new applicants cannot be added to the policy until the first of the year. Gill stated the firefighters will probably not be suggesting changes in the health insurance policy.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Greencastle roof repair: Cyphert presented estimates from last meeting and the findings were discussed this evening. The contractor that formerly did the Greencastle project presented three different estimates for the roof for the steeple, roof, and side of steeple replacements. The estimate would be around \$15,000 if non-prevailing wage but just under \$25,000 if prevailing wage is used. The prevailing wage threshold is \$21,000. Moore said if only part of the project is to be done and none planned for the future, then the non-prevailing wage could be used. Smith recommended just doing the steeple project and if the roof needs to be done at a later date, and then address that when it is needed. Cyphert will have the contractor re-affirm the steeple bid (the roof coppertop and the steeple siding) before the trustees vote on whether to do the project. Smith suggested the contractor attend the next meeting to clarify his proposal.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Update on permits fees: Cyphert stated that based on studies for permit fees and inspections that are performed, and in fairness to the existing taxpayers in the township who should not have to continually bear the burden of funding new construction, the permit fees should be increased. The building of a 2800 square foot home in Violet Twp. would cost \$1205 in permit fees. The trustees discussed the needs for the fee structure. Smith suggested we try to have our fees fall close to Violet Twp. The trustees will consider increasing the fees to take effect January 1, 2007, to \$1,200 for dwellings up to 3000 square feet and \$1,500 for 3000 square feet and over.
- Cyphert noted Lisa Fisher, Administrative Assistant, scored 100% on her notary test and passed it the first try.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Chief Gill presented a spreadsheet on how a proposed TIF for the Chestnut Ridge subdivision would affect the fire department tax revenue for Bloom and Violet Townships. The TIF proposal would not be in the best interest of our township at this time. There will be a meeting on the issue with the county departments on November 20 and the trustees will attend to learn more information. To demonstrate the need for the funds that would be lost to the TIF, Gill said a fire truck costing up to \$500,000 will be needed in the future.

ROAD DEPT REPORT:

- Randy Solt reported the road striping project was completed last Friday. The trustees and Solt said they had received compliments concerning the striping that was done.

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- Greencastle drainage update: the project will soon begin to address the problems.
- OnSpot Chain installation will be performed week of November 20th:
- Blow holes that had old bell clay tile in Wesley Chapel Cemetery were discovered. Discussion regarding repair.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve up to \$2,000 for the purchase of materials to enhance the culvert in Wesley Cemetery. Further to move the remaining balance in Fund 2041-760-740 to line 2041-410-420 to pay for the project. Motion carried 3-0.

- Smith requested Solt pick up two cement pots out of right of way on Mason Road due to safety concerns. Solt will take care of it tomorrow.
- Cemetery Report: Dan Starkey told the trustees he is working on revisions to the cemetery rule book. He plans to install another sign with contact information for Wesley Chapel Cemetery. He said he wants to make a deal between the township and Pontem software to use the same software. Since the township already has a license for the Pontem software, he said the genealogy society can purchase one at half price. The township would have to buy it for them and then be reimbursed. Cyphert had spoken to the state auditor's office prior to this meeting to find out if Starkey's proposal could be accomplished. The auditor's office had concerns because the purpose of the purchase is for another non-profit organization and not for the township since we already have a software license, and since it is not being installed on a township computer, maybe it should not be purchased with township funds. However, if the trustees decide to do it, the auditor's office said they should seek a written opinion from township legal counsel before spending the money and get expressed written consent from the software company. Starkey will have the software company write a letter of consent and that will be sent to the prosecutor's office for review.

OTHER:

Petty reported that he is working with Heidi Fought of the Ohio Township Association regarding opinions issued by the Attorney General's office and the Auditor of State that effectively work against townships.

David Petty
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer