

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 11/22/06>>>

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

Petty asked everyone join him in the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing 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 11-08-06. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** Smith, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$29,447.12 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$42,060.00 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Announcements:
 - Fiscal Officer and Trustee compensation to increase 1.7% for 2007.
 - Fiscal Officer asks that no one charge anything after DEC 15, 2006. Submit all receipts to F.O. before Tuesday, December 27, 2006.
- Correspondence:
 - Ltr from Div. of Liquor Control – suspense for resolution of objection is 1/2/07.
 - Notice from FF County Commissioners: approved vacation of certain unnamed alleys in the unincorporated Village of Jefferson, Bloom Twp.
 - Notice from FF County Commissioners: viewing & hearing date of the vacation of an unneeded portion of Pleasantville Rd NW, Bloom Twp, bypassed by the Pleasantville Rd relocation project. Viewing at site: 8:30 a.m., Dec 14, 2006. Hearing, 3rd floor, in Dec.14, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Medical Insurance renewal:** Petty stated the board had met in executive session to discuss the insurance benefit package. The only change is the increase in prescription co-pays. There will be no other changes. There will be up to 14% premium increase. The national average is 12-19% increase. Trimmer Ins. is trying to get the 14% premium increase reported by Medical Mutual lowered.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles, to renew the existing health insurance policy with premium increase not to exceed a 14%. Motion carried 3-0.

- Petty is requesting a calendar timeline for health insurance renewal in 2007 for 2008 coverage. Any insurance company desiring to quote for township insurance will be provided with employee health applications during August. Insurance companies prepare proposals in September and submit quotes to trustees in October. The trustees plan to make a decision on an insurance carrier during November. Frank Reis, firefighter, stated he is not pleased with the service this year from the current agent. Reis stated the other firefighters are not pleased with the well baby care portion of the current policy. Petty asked if Reis would be willing to participate in the process of selecting a health insurance provider next year. Reis said he would.
- Discussion regarding SBC high speed internet: Bill Kiggins of Wilson Road asked if the township could encourage faster installation for all of Bloom Township homes. Cyphert stated she will write a letter to SBC encouraging them to work with us in a timelier manner in order to provide our citizens across the entire township with fiber optic high speed internet.

OLD BUSINESS:

- OTARMA recommendations: Cyphert said she has presented the trustees with the recommendations and it is up to them if they would like to pursue the issues.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Cyphert brought up the permit fee issue as had been discussed in previous meetings. In an effort to reduce costs of new construction on the existing residents of Bloom Township, she said she would like to see permit fees increased so that the

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builder/new home owner will bear more of the costs of new construction in the township.

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to increase permit fees to \$1,200.00 per dwelling unit up to 3,000 sq ft and \$1,500.00 per dwelling unit over 3,000 sq. ft. effective JAN 1, 2007. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Gill explained an issue with one of his vehicles concerning brake pads and rotors. An engine brake may be considered after the first of the year.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve payment to Company Wrench for Engine 551 repair at \$2,405.76. Motion carried 3-0.

- Gill explained a firehouse software program that contains all department records. EMS reporting is currently handwritten. Now with state requirements, electronic records must be submitted in order to receive a grant. There is now a mobile software program available that will assist the department in electronic reporting requirements. When asked by Randles for his opinion, Fire Lieutenant Reis said he supports the proposed project.

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve purchase of Firehouse Mobile EMS software & service contract at \$1,450.00. Motion carried 3-0.

- Gill stated Madison Township will start billing for emergency transport services January 1. Greenfield Township is considering it.
- Gill stated he has a new part time firefighter to hire. Randles stated the proposed firefighter should be brought before the trustees prior to hiring as Gill had agreed to do with new employees. Gill stated the new hire is on duty at another firehouse and was not available to come to the meeting. Randles said Gill should bring the newly hired person before the board at the next meeting. Gill said he will invite the new employee to attend the next meeting.

Motion by Smith, second by Petty to hire the part time firefighter effective 12-01-06 at a rate of \$9.00 per hour with a 12 month probationary period. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPT REPORT:

- Randy Solt said South Central Power had called him about two dead 3' diameter silver maple trees on Brandt Road that need to be cut down in the right-of-way. These could be a safety hazard. Randles had obtained two quotes for the tree removal. Smith asked if the Road Department could handle the job. Solt said not safely. Randles questioned the quotes as to what the vendors are actually proposing to do. Randles will view the trees and it will be discussed at the next meeting,
- Ice Grit proposal-Solt would like to switch to this method for safety and environmental reasons. It will reduce slippage, is better for soil, and makes the salt go further.

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve purchase of 100 tons of ice control grits from Shelly Material Co. at a cost of \$1,015.00. Motion carried 3-0.

- OnSpot Chain installation has been completed.
- Greencastle drainage update: Solt said a right-of-way permit is needed and work will start in the near future. He will talk with the neighbors and explain how it will help them as well. This will prevent water draining on our east neighbor's property. The east driveway will be eliminated.

- Quotes to replace 16 year old furnace with cracked heat exchanger. Solt said replacement of the Road Building furnace is needed. Three quotes were obtained.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve the expenditure of \$1,700 for the purchase and installation of TraneXR80 100 BTU furnace from R.N. Smith for 36 E. South Street. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer