

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 9/27/06>>>

David Petty, Chair, called the meeting to order. Members present were Trustees Petty, Brian Randles, and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Trustee Joseph Smith was absent due to recent surgery. 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 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Phil Crist, a Collegeview Acres resident, said he has heard rumors that the township is going to abandon the Collegeview fire station and put one elsewhere. Petty said the former Plummer Gardens building was looked at but was not feasible. A substation may be considered at the Greencastle location in the future. Gill said there is not enough room for residential quarters in Collegeview. He said if a second station is built, it will benefit Collegeview because it would have full personnel instead of one volunteer that currently responds from Collegeview on occasion. Gill reminded Crist he could always call him with questions and/or concerns. Gill said a former Collegeview trustee told him the association would like to have the building when the lease runs out next year. Randles mentioned the township will soon have new street signs in Collegeview. Crist said some residents may not like that either. Gill said the township needs to secure funds before another station can be built. He said it will not be until another 3 to 4 years. Gill said they are tracking their runs right now and that will also help in determine the future location.

- Gill introduced a proposed new part-time firefighter saying he had spent a year in Iraq in fire service. Randles said he had requested that new firefighters come before the board before being officially hired. Randles said this will help the trustees put a name to a face.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty to hire a current volunteer firefighter as part-time firefighter at \$9.00 per hour effective 9-17-06 with a one year probationary period. Name is on file. Motion carried 2-0.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve minutes of regular meeting held 9-06-06. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve Fire Dept bills: \$5,811.28 for Pierce repair at Triad and \$895.00 for annual NFPA subscription. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$72,039.51 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$50,553.42 having been certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried 2-0.
- Introduction of OTARMA required risk management policies and procedures. Moore said Cathy Gonzalez, OTARMA Loss Control agent, visited the township on 7-12-06. She met with Chief Gill and then with Randy Solt and Cyphert and Moore. Moore said Gonzalez was very pleased with the performance of both the Fire and Road Departments as far as record-keeping and procedures. Solt is already working on recommended cemetery signage. Moore asked Cyphert to report on the required policies and procedures. Cyphert said there are two required policies for review tonight: one on sexual harassment and one on safety. She will have more policies for trustees to review at the next meeting. Moore said a driving record policy will also be required. Gill said they request a driving record when an employee is first hired, but that now they will need to request one each year.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ISSUE 2 APPLICATION:** The trustees are pursuing the application and Solt said he will work with Trustee Smith to finalize the appropriate paperwork.

RESOLUTION 32-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that Trustee Joe Smith is authorized to prepare and submit application for the Issue One Project for Kauffman Road as presented. Motion by Randles, second by Petty.

ROLL CALL: Randles – yes; Petty – yes. Resolution passed 2-0.

- Petty stated he and Cyphert went to the Fairfield County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency's Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. Discussion that the NIMS certificates need to be kept on file. Petty said federal grants will be dependent on everyone having passed the NIMS examination.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to authorize Anne Cyphert to arrange the 2006 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Confluence Park Restaurant with date and time to be determined. Motion carried 2-0.
- Cyphert introduced Donna Abram, secretary of the Zoning Commission to present the commission's recommendation to amend the zoning for the northeast corner of Marcy Road and Winchester Southern Road from RR to B1. Abram presented the application, the recommendations from Regional Planning Commission, and the draft minutes of the Zoning Commission's public hearing.

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Motion by Randles, second by Petty, to set Trustees' Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Application for the northeast corner of Marcy Road and Winchester Southern Road from RR to B1 on October 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Discussion about Medic School reimbursement: Gill said a citizen graciously makes a large donation annually for this purpose and more funds may need to be set aside for a graduated system due to the rising costs. The officers of the fire department would evaluate each case individually to see what funds are warranted and if it is recommended, the department would reimburse \$1,000 for each year of service with Bloom. Randles asked what happens if the medic decides to terminate employment from Bloom Twp. Gill said that is why they want to consider years of service with Bloom.
- Gill said a liability issue exists: there have been two recent news articles reporting that a municipality paid a family a large sum of money for erring in the decision whether or not to transport the patient, and there was another issue involving an emergency vehicle that was on a run, used the device to change a light from red to green, the device failed, and a wreck happened. The emergency driver will be charged with vehicular homicide even though his lights and sirens were running. Gill said the trustees may want to consider liability insurance in the future after learning about these cases.
- Gill discussed that there is confusion about the role of Bloom Fire Dept. inspections in Lithopolis and the role of the contracted services of Building Code Violation inspections by Groveport.
- Petty is going to a meeting involving the proposed Chestnut Ridge subdivision. Gill is unable to attend but wants to be on record stating that the fire department needs to be made whole; that we want all of our tax dollars regardless of any TIFF. Petty said the developer is proposing to have the subdivision billed for services rendered but Gill and Petty said that is not a good proposal.

Petty said he agrees that the through road can be TIFF'ed. The developer is supposed to submit details of costs and terms. Petty said there needs to be an agreement that the utilities should come from Fairfield County and there should be a "no annexations" agreement for up to 50 years.

Randles said the reason the township is considering the TIFF is because other municipalities could annex the land away from us in addition to other land contiguous to the proposed subdivision.

- Gill said at the next meeting he will not be in attendance due to vacation.

ROAD DEPT REPORT:

- Brandt Road Improvement: Solt said he wants it on the record that he is looking at a design plan for Brandt Road in next year's budget.
- Road Striping: Solt priced the proposed projects and recommended doing it. **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve additional \$2,600 for road striping. This makes a total \$3,365 for striping of roads to come out of line 2031-330-360. Motion carried 2-0.
- On-Spot Chains: Solt presented brochures on installation of ON-Spot Chains on the trucks for snow and ice. They mount, actuate, spin, and then retract if they are not needed. Solt presented four quotes to the trustees. Solt prefers the All American company which is an approved installer. He said the company is professional and has communicated very well with him on what they will do. The company will install the equipment at the Bloom Township Road Barn. Randles asked about the need for the equipment. Solt said they are needed and that Greenfield Township trucks have these installed. Petty said since Greenfield Township hasn't had any trouble with them and we have had to pull trucks out of ditches in the past so it should be considered.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty to approve "on spot chain system" to be purchased from and installed by All American Fire Apparatus on all three dump trucks. Motion carried 2-0. Funds to come from 2021-760-740 Machinery, Equipment and Furniture.

- Report on new 450 Truck: It has met and exceeded expectations.

OTHER:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to hold an executive session to discuss pending or imminent litigation with the public body's attorney and for discussion of employment, duties, concerns, and compensation of personnel. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to come out of executive session. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to appoint Terry Gill as Prevailing Wage Coordinator. Motion carried 2-0.

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer