

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 08/22/07>>>

Brian Randles, Chair, called the meeting to order. Members present were Trustees Randles, David Petty, Joseph Smith, and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board and B/Z Administrator; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Road Supervisor Randy Solt and several interested citizens.

Randles asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing for a Moment of Silence in honor of our troops serving in the Military throughout the world.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:** by Fiscal Officer Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Smith second by Petty to approve minutes of regular meeting held 8/8/07. Motion carried 3-0.
- OTARMA Property/Liability Ins. bill is \$38,321. Was \$43,200 in 2006 and \$39,084 in 2005. Twps received discount this year based on length of membership with OTARMA.

**RESOLUTION #17-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the following within fund transfers are approved in order to pay the OTARMA bill.

Transfer \$2,000 From 2031-330-381 (Property Ins) To 2031-330-382 (Liability Ins).

Transfer \$4,000 From 2111-220-381 (Property Ins) To 2111-220-382 (Liability Ins).

Motion by Petty, second by Smith. ROLL CALL: Petty – yes; Randles – yes; Smith – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

- **RESOLUTION #18-07: Motion by Petty, second by Smith: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that Fund 2904 is created with budgeted amount \$43,377.00 to receive the 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Award. Further, that \$43,377.00 is appropriated to line 2904-220-599 from unappropriated money. This is retroactive to 8/15/07. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to approve Then and Now Purchase order #49-2007 in the amount of \$6,000 for OTARMA bill due to with/in fund transfers. Motion carried 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #19-07 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.** Motion by Petty, second by Smith. ROLL CALL: Petty – yes; Randles – yes; Smith – yes. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$54,267.50 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$49,812.23 having been certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Complaint received from Sam and Abby Jones regarding noxious weeds/Castlewood DR. Smith stated he viewed the area and it is used as a nature preserve. Randles concurred. Petty will view the property before the next meeting. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Discussion of additional tree trimming needed for Kauffman Road OPWC project. Trustees decided to let South Central Power do the additional trimming at no cost to the township.
- Petty will be gone at the next scheduled meeting on September 12 and requested it be moved up a week to September 5. **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to change the September 12 meeting to September 5. Motion carried 3-0. Cyphert will give public notice.
- Smith said he would like to replace a shed for a resident on Kauffman Road who is allowing the township to cut off a corner of her property for the OPWC project. The other two trustees concurred. The county engineer's assistant, Jeff Baird, will provide a resolution for the trustees to approve for this replacement.
- Petty stated he is working on a FEMA survey for NIMS for possible emergency plans that support the county EMA. He went to Circleville last week for the IS 300 2-day course.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Siren agreement; Smith and Randles expressed concern over maintenance costs. The trustees signed the agreement with EMA presented by Gill. Discussion of where the money will come from to maintain the four sirens in the future.

**Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to split the maintenance costs of the four tornado sirens equally between the General Fund and the Fire Fund. Motion carried 3-0.

Gill will inquire if we can add the sirens to our insurance policy.

**ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:** by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Admin & B/Z Admin.

- Radio Tower update: The BZA turned down the request for the WHIZ conditional use permit due to an incomplete application. Cyphert expects the applicant to re-file later this year.
- Court Ruling regarding Eagle's Nest: Cyphert stated the US District ruled in favor of the township and against Scott Wayland (Eagles Nest, Providence Acquisitions) in his claim that the township discriminated against him and his establishment. She stated Bloom Township

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was not found guilty in any way and that Wayland did not present any defense or evidence in the case. Cyphert stated the township attorney is considering sanctions against Wayland. She said any future frivolous issues by anyone else against the township will also be defended vigorously.

- News releases: Cyphert worked with Paul La Fayette, Esq. regarding news release on Eagles Nest issue. She presented it to the trustees for their review and signatures and will send to media who reported on it when the story broke in 2004. She said she also has worked with Dan Starkey, Cemetery Sexton, regarding the Revolutionary War memorial. She read the news release to the trustees who concurred.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** by Chief Terry Gill

- The Fire and Road departments had several pieces of equipment struck by lightning and will be reporting the losses to our insurance carrier. Computers, televisions, and other electronic equipment were damaged.
- Executive Session requested.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:** by Road Supervisor Randy Solt

- During the storm the road department was dispatched out to remove tree debris blocking roads in three places.
- Electrical damage was done to road department radios from the storm.
- Paving update: Base coat, top coat have been applied to several township roads. The rest should be done by next week. The motor paving should start on Brandt Road toward the end of next week.
- Quotes for berm material w/Trucking charge discussed. Reground Asphalt prices were obtained. Solt presented the proposals to the trustees.

**Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to purchase reground asphalt from Rasqual Trucking at \$9,750. Motion carried 3-0.

- Price quotes to stripe new blacktop roads were discussed:

**Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to accept the estimate from Interstate Road and Management to stripe the township roads for \$2750. Motion carried 3-0.

- Solt is working on submitting paperwork to county engineer's office for our MVL Funds.

**OTHER:**

- Petty stated a countywide disaster exercise will occur in Millersport and he is volunteering to participate. Gill and a lieutenant are also participating.
- Executive session requested by Gill. **Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to enter into executive session for collective bargaining issues. Motion carried 3-0.

**Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to come out of executive session for collective bargaining issues. Motion carried 3-0.

- Report on meetings attended.

JEDD Meetings and updates: Moore reported the township has spent all the money available in the legal fees line to pay Scott Ziance for attorney services for the JEDD. Randles reported he, Moore, and Cyphert met with Ziance last Tuesday about the JEDD proposal. Violet Twp. Trustee Gary Weitlich and Bill Yable also attended. There is confusion about what the final JEDD agreement will say. Discussion whether to continue with the JEDD and have Ziance work with the other township and municipalities to make it acceptable to Bloom Twp.

**Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to authorize up to an additional \$6,500 for continuation of legal services regarding the JEDD agreement to Scott Ziance, Esq. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION #17-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the following within fund transfer is approved in order to pay current and additional legal fees: Transfer \$10,000 From 1000-110-230 (Workers' Comp) To 1000-110-311 (Accounting and Legal Fees) to cover legal expenses. Motion by Petty, second by Smith. ROLL CALL: Petty – yes; Randles – yes; Smith – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Randles adjourned the meeting.