

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 12/12/07>>>

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; 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.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Fiscal Officer Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to approve minutes of regular meeting held 11/28/07 and special meetings held 11/28/07, 12/05/07. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION # 25-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that the following within fund transfer is approved in order to pay current and anticipated legal expenses for the remainder of 2007: \$6,700 from 1000-110-382 (Liability Ins.) to 1000-110-311 (Accounting and Legal Fees). Motion by Petty, second by Smith. ROLL CALL: Smith – yes; Petty – yes; Randles – yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to approve payment of Albers and Albers invoice \$5,328 for legal services for the month of November and the Then & Now Purchase Order for the same amount. Motion carried 3-0.
 - **Motion** by Petty second by Smith to approve annual uniform purchase, Full-time = \$3078 and Part-time = \$1195 and Heritage \$823.24 expense for EMS Supplies. Motion carried 3-0.
 - **Motion** by Smith second by Petty to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$104,050.61 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$39,678.00 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available.
 - **Correspondence and Announcements**
 - FF County Engineer's Office requests trustees to schedule meeting by FEB 11, 2008. Individual meetings with townships will be held between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Engineer's Office will advertise the public meetings on JAN 25, 2008, in Lanc EG. A meeting will be scheduled FEB 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. if the engineer's office agrees.
 - Reminder: Inventory due to Engineer's Office during first two weeks of January. Moore will pass out inventory to be updated by department heads.
 - It was announced at the Annual Meeting of the County Trustees/FO Assoc. that the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals must also have someone represent them in taking the Public Records training. A motion was passed 9/26/07 to cover the elected officials; however a new motion is needed due to the new information.
- Motion** by Petty second by Smith to designate Anne Cyphert to attend the public records training on behalf of the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, and all members of the township's Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission. Motion carried 3-0.

- **Motion** by Smith second by Petty to approve and sign certified mileage document from Ohio Department of Transportation that states that as of December 31, 2007, the township was responsible for maintaining 51.85 miles of public road. Motion carried 3-0.
- Discussion of franchise fees. Moore said that due to a new law effective September this year, the trustees may want to pass a resolution increasing the franchise fee from 3 to 5% plus claiming a share of advertising revenue. She provided a sample resolution obtained from OTA. Current 10 yr. franchise contract requires a 90 day notice to increase fee up to 5%. Trustees requested Cyphert to ask the prosecutor's office to review. FY07 revenue for franchise fees was \$4700.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Moore said we received the certification of amounts to be received from the 3 mill Road Levy Renewal. Proceeds are estimated to be 463,000 with no increase to the taxpayers.

RESOLUTION #26-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES to run a 3 mill renewal tax levy for the purpose of general construction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in Bloom Township for a period of five years, commencing in 2008, first due in calendar year 2009. This levy is a renewal of the existing expiring 2003, 3.0 mill tax levy. Said tax levy is to be placed on the March 4, 2008 ballot. Motion by Smith, second by Petty. ROLL CALL: Smith – yes; Petty – yes; Randles – yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.

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- Sean Sprouse of Burnham & Flower updated the trustees on the new insurance plan. He said the cost will come in under what was planned. He negotiated with Medical Mutual to get the costs decreased. A deposit will be needed from the township. More paperwork will be needed for the applications. Employer and employee applications and deposit needed by next week.

RESOLUTION #27-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that:

Health Insurance Plan Change-

In accordance with ORC section 9.833 the township will self insure a portion of health insurance claims. Also in accordance with ORC 505.60 the township will purchase insurance to cover claims over the amount covered by the township. All claims are administered by and subject to the insurance policy provided by Medical Mutual of Ohio.

Dental Insurance Plan Change-

In accordance with ORC 505.60 the Township is changing to Delta Dental to provide Dental Insurance.

Vision Insurance-Burnham and Flower will compare our current VSP to their other consortium options. In accordance with ORC 505.60 the Township will provide vision insurance through VSP and appoints The Burnham & Flower Agency as the servicing agent.

Disability Insurance

In accordance with ORC 505.60 the Township will continue with the Standard Insurance Company and appoint the Burnham & Flower Insurance Agency as our Agent of Record to service the existing policy.

Life Insurance

In accordance with ORC 505.602 the Township will provide Life insurance coverage to all eligible persons. The Township will secure this policy through The Standard Insurance Company to replace the current policy.

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

- Rockies Express Pipeline(REX): permit request. Mr. Williams of REX submitted an application for right of way work (on file). **Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to approve the Rockies Express Pipeline permit as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.
- OPWC update. Cyphert reported the commission is aware of the need for an extension. Insight and South Central Power are providing explanations for the delay. Smith is dealing with property owner, Mrs. Brooks about accessory building.
- End of year meeting date to change: **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to change the final meeting of the year to December 31, at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.
- JEDD & Route 33 Economic Development Alliance Committee discussion: Development Consultants John McGory and Mike Arcari explained the benefits and potential conflicts of both groups. Arcari said proper planning for the JEDD is important. Arcari believes the proposed JEDD can be interpreted many different ways. This one is not specific enough. It needs to be specific about the Carroll interchange. Cyphert presented a written proposal from Arcari and McGory to act as consultants to assist Bloom Township on the JEDD. Petty said he and Fiscal Officer Moore are concerned about costs versus benefit. He said it will be a serious drain on our resources.

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

- BZA and ZC appointments: Cyphert said appointments are needed for both boards.

RESOLUTION #28-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES to appoint Dan Starkey for the term ending December 31, 2011 and William McWhorter for the term ending December 31, 2012 to the Board of Zoning Appeals and to appoint Donna Abram for the term ending December 31, 2011 and Barbara Funk for the term ending December 31, 2012 to the Zoning Commission. Motion by Smith second by Petty. ROLL CALL: Petty-yes; Randles-yes; Smith-yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.

- Discussion of accessory, variance, CU, and appeal fees. Cyphert will request increase of \$25 for accessory building fees and \$50 for variance, CU, and appeal fees. She will also request the renewal of conditional use fees be increased by \$15 and residential additions to \$500. This is due to a decrease in the zoning revenue since the building industry is down.
- Eagles Nest final order: The federal court has made its final order that since Eagles Nest did not appeal his ruling in favor of the township, the order is now final.
- WHIZ Tower: Prosecutors office is recommending the trustees take no action regarding the easement/letter of credit from the applicant.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill: not in attendance

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Road Supervisor Randy Solt:

- Solt is working with utility companies regarding getting documentation for extensions from the Ohio Public Works Commission.

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OTHER:

Randles introduced discussion of non-fire employee raises for 2008.

Motion by Smith, second by Petty to grant 2.8% raise across the board for non-fire employees excluding the building inspector who is paid on a per permit basis. Said raises to be effective the first pay check date in January 2008. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Randles adjourned the meeting.

Brian E. Randles
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer