

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 02/28/07>>>

Brian Randles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Trustees Randles, David Petty and Joseph Smith; and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Also present were Fire Chief Terry Gill; Randy Solt, Road Supervisor; 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:

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to approve minutes of regular meeting held 2-14-07. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to approve \$1,174.15 emergency repair of Road Dept. Truck #1. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty second by Smith to approve payment of bills and payroll/charges according to the amounts in the packet plus the check just signed for the chamber meeting, having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Correspondence/Announcements:
 - 2nd Real Estate Tax advance for first half received: Fire 208,000; Road Improvement \$47,000; Road & Bridge \$33,000.
 - Letter received from Fairfield County Dept. of Health regarding annual DAC meeting 3-5-07, 7:00 p.m. Petty said they want to raise township assessments 3%. He said we paid \$37,214 last year. He said this comes out of our General Fund and our income for the General Fund does not go up 3%.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to set special meeting for March 7 at 6:15 to open the meeting then move the meeting to the county engineer's office to discuss road maintenance issues at the invitation of the Engineer. Motion carried 3-0. The trustees invited Randy Solt to attend if he would like to.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Rt. 33 corridor discussion. Petty said the group will meet again Friday at 10:00 a.m. Their campaign firm thinks they will raise \$1M over the next couple of years. Their fee is \$100,000. They will have focus groups, make calls to prominent people, businesses to promote Rt. 33 development from Gender Rd to Lancaster, including Old Columbus Road. The group is confident they can raise \$1M because they did it in Pickaway. Discussion that Bloom Twp gave \$1,000 in 2006 and the trustees had decided at that time that they would review the issue again in 2007.
- Sirens: Petty said he and Chief Gill will meet in middle of March with the EMA committee on the sirens. He said we have two coming that have been paid for. Discussion of best positioning for the sirens.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Greencastle roof replacement: Randles said he received a verbal estimate for a metal roof, new soffits & fascia and board running across the front. Total would not exceed \$19,557.09. If just steeple and roof, it would be \$15,987.96. Randles will invite Paul Perry to give presentation at the beginning of the next meeting. **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to move start time of next regular meeting MAR 14th up to 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.
- Township Map: Randles presented information he obtained at the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference concerning a business that does maps of townships with township information. The cost of the map is paid for by business advertising on the map. The mailing cost might also be covered by advertising. Randles will ask Municipal Publications to give a presentation at the March 28th meeting.

BLDG/ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

Report will be made at future meeting. Cyphert is with her mother who is seriously ill.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Questionnaire: Gill presented citizen feedback on questionnaires that are given to residents after the fire dept makes a run. He also presented a letter from a citizen. All comments were complimentary of the fire dept. for every shift.
- Gill said he will bring a letter to the next meeting for the trustees to sign regarding mutual aid billing that he would like to put in the next fire dept. newsletter. Gill said the townships that provide mutual aid with Bloom have to bill our residents if they bill their own residents. Letter would explain the billing to residents and will ask residents to call him for guidance if they receive a bill from a mutual aid provider. Bloom Township does not bill residents for fire and emergency runs.
- Petty asked where we are with the Lithopolis agreement that Gill is handling. Gill said their attorney is waiting for the mayor to approve the changes, and then their attorney will get back with our attorney who will get back to Gill.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Randles read an email he had received from a resident commending the Road Department for their exceptional effort in keeping the roads clean these past few weeks.
- Solt said the roads have been identified and posted for weight reduction. He provided a list to the trustees.
- Solt asked the trustees to sign letters of appreciation he prepared for vendors NAPPA and Company Wrench for their exceptional service during this winter season.
- ISSUE ONE: Solt announced that our Kauffman Road project is on the list for approval. It will be official July 1st. Can't award the KT's until after July 1st. Solt wants to get the ball rolling around June to advertise for bids upon receipt of official award.
- BRANDT ROAD: Solt asked the trustees what we are going to do about Brandt Road. Discussion of what can be done. Solt said he gets complaints about potholes but there is nothing he can do right now. Solt wants to motor pave the road. He said Jeff Baird and Scot Lanier said right now is the time to get started on a design plan for Brandt Rd. Solt said the school has said they will not go on Brandt Road if it doesn't get better; they will wait out on Pickerington Road to pick the kids up. Solt said there is nothing he can do now because you can't grade mud.
- GREENCASTLE DRAINAGE project: Randles said he would like Solt to get on it as soon as the weather breaks. Randles said he is getting complaints about water in the basement where our records are stored. He repeated that we need to get on it. Solt said it will not keep water from getting in the basement. Randles said it will help- that and the bilco door. Moore said a lot of the basement water is because of the downspouts. Randles asked Solt to bring his crew and a ladder tomorrow and fix the downspouts if he can. Solt said he didn't think he could because there are culverts with ice build-up he needs to work on. Randles repeated that he would like Solt to fix the downspouts if he gets a chance.

OTHER:

- Petty said he received a call this afternoon from Barb Smith of the Board of Elections. They would like to move the two election precincts from Fire Station No. 2, Collegeview, up to the Greencastle township building. Petty agreed to meet with them tomorrow between 9:00 and 9:15 a.m. Barb Smith said there are no issues for Bloom Township to vote on in the May election so it would not be needed until the general election this fall. Trustees agreed that was fine.

Motion by Petty, second by Smith to enter into executive session to discuss imminent legal matters with attorney. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Petty, second by Smith to come out of executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Randles adjourned the meeting.