

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 01/10/07>>>

Brian Randles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Trustees Randles, Joseph Smith, and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Office and B/Z Administrator; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Randy Solt, Road Supervisor; and several interested citizens. Trustee David Petty was absent due to a family obligation.

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:

- Moore asked for approval of the minutes. **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve minutes of regular meeting held 12-27-06. Motion carried 2-0.
- Approval of the 2007 appropriations: Moore said she had discussed the appropriations individually with the trustees and department heads prior to the meeting. She asked if the trustees or anyone else had any questions concerning the proposed appropriations. There were no questions and Randles and Smith said they were in agreement with the proposed appropriations.

RESOLUTION #02-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that permanent appropriations for the year 2007 are approved as presented by the Fiscal Officer. Motion by Smith, second by Randles.

ROLL CALL: Petty - absent; Randles - Yes; Smith – Yes. Motion carried 2-0.

- **Motion by** Smith, second by Randles, to approve \$3,000 Then & Now Purchase Order retroactive to December 30, 2006, that was needed to carry over final amount owed on KT with Lockwood Lanier for Alspach/Lora Lane sewer replacement project. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion by** Smith, second by Randles, to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$38,641.51 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$42,262.24 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion approved 2-0.
- **RESOLUTION # 03-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** to authorize the Zoning Administrator, the Board of Trustees, and the Fiscal Officer to utilize the legal services of the firm of Jerrold Schwarz and of Reminger and Reminger as needed at an hourly rate not to exceed \$130.00
Motion by Smith, second by Randles
ROLL CALL: Petty - absent; Randles - Yes; Smith – Yes. Motion carried 2-0.
- **RESOLUTION # 04-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** to permit the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, and Department Supervisors to attend local, state, and national conferences in 2007.
Motion by Smith, second by Randles
ROLL CALL: Petty - absent; Randles - Yes; Smith – Yes. Motion carried 2-0.
- **RESOLUTION #05-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that Bloom Township renew the DOT Drug and Alcohol contract with Fairfield Medical Center to run through December 31, 2007, at the current pricing and terms with the amendment in article 2, section D; and article 4, the first paragraph. Further, Terry Gill will continue to be the “Authorized Client Representative #1 to whom final results are mailed. Also, approved is the renewal of the “Policy Commitment to a Substance-Free (Drug-Free) Workplace” with Working Partners Systems, Inc. Motion by Smith, second by Randles
ROLL CALL: Petty - absent; Randles - Yes; Smith – Yes. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion by** Smith, second by Randles: to approve inventory lists as presented for forwarding to the Fairfield County Engineer’s Office. Motion carried 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion of Alspach /Lora Lane project: Smith said he and former trustee Larry Coyle attended a meeting with the county engineer’s office. Smith said signatures will be needed to finalize the plans. Smith said the township attorney will need to review the documents, prepare easements, and work with property owners as necessary. Smith said he was not asking for approval yet, but will bring it for discussion at the next meeting when Petty will be present.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gill said the medic unit will be running at Jake Douglas' funeral. He was a close friend of Tom Scholl.

BLDG/ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Update on Recycling Bin and Future Recycling Projects: Cyphert reported she spoke with Patty Bratton of Fairfield County Community Action regarding the Board of Trustees' desire to leave the recycling bin at 36 E. South Street, Lithopolis, until the Village sends the Township a letter explaining the reasoning behind them ordering the recycling bin off of township property. Later that week, Brian Randles called Cyphert and said Eric Sandine had called him and asked for the township to have harmonious relations with the village and move the bin out. Sandine told Randles what Cyphert had also explained; that the Village wanted the bin out because they have a mandatory recycling contract with their trash hauler. When Cyphert explained to Randles that she did not get the letter from the village that the trustees requested, he then called Randy Solt and told him to leave the recycle bin at 36 E. South Street until the issue can be resolved.

Cyphert then received a call back from Patty Bratton who told her that Sandine had threatened the county with fines if they didn't remove the bin immediately. To save the taxpayers money from fines and/or litigation from him, Bratton said she had the bin removed and taken to Collegeview subdivision. That is where it had been located several years ago and had produced good results.

Cyphert said Bratton is pleased that Randles and she are promoting recycling efforts in the township and will look into obtaining a grant for a Recycling Day in the township for shredding electronic disks for township residents.

- JEDD Meeting: Cyphert spoke with Bill Yapple of Violet Township about the proposed JEDD meeting. He said it would be best not to have a joint trustees meeting but that Joe & Cyphert meet with him and Gary Weitlich next Thursday morning to talk about it.
- Cyphert spoke with David Kandle of ATT and they have a meeting scheduled to talk about plans for high speed internet in Bloom Township.
- Cyphert gave the trustees an article from today's paper on Access Management. There is a lot of misinformation going on about this topic but the plans are on hold right now until the details are worked out.
- Cyphert said she spoke to the roofer who provided an estimate for the Greencastle building. He will attend the next meeting to explain the estimate.
- Cyphert said the 2007 RPC representative appointment needs to be made. She said Donna Abram from the Zoning Commission asked last year to be appointed but was not chosen. Abram is interested again. Cyphert suggested the trustees rotate the appointment annually to be fair to everyone wanting to be the RPC representative. Larry Coyle said if Abram wants it, he would like to stay on through April. Abram said she would like to start right a way. Randles suggested Coyle could be the alternate. Abram asked Coyle why he wanted to stay on through April. Coyle said due to lot split actions being considered. Abram said it is important for the RPC representative to keep the Board of Trustees informed.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles, to appoint Donna Abram as Bloom Township's 2007 representative to Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission effective April 1, 2007, and to appoint Larry Coyle as the alternate. Motion carried 2-0.

- Information on Health Dept. condemning house: Cyphert reported she has received notice from Diana Uther of the Fairfield County Health Department that the house at 7975 Benson Road has been condemned. Her department has notified the homeowner that he does not have an occupancy permit despite already residing there. Uther advised Cyphert that the matter is being turned over for action by the Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office. Cyphert said when the property owner applied for the permit in April of 2005, he listed the value at \$385,000.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Nothing to report other than the funeral plans for Mr. Douglas.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Update on Greencastle Drainage: Solt said he is working with the county to get the proper forms to take to the adjacent property owners for signature. Tile issues may

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also be addressed during the project. If septic concerns exist Solt will address with the Health Department. Randles expressed the need for a new Bilco door to the crawl space. Solt will address that also. Moore said the downspouts are pouring water directly onto the ground and creating flooded areas that cause water to flow to the basement where our records are kept. Solt assured Moore that will be addressed. Solt said he hopes to have more information at the next meeting.

- Solt commended Solt and the road workers for their quick action in winter weather. Smith said he received a call from the Sheriff's Office regarding slick spots that needed addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

Randles adjourned the meeting.

Brian E. Randles
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer