

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 07/25/07>>>

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 Randy Solt, Road Supervisor, Dan Starkey, Cemetery Sexton, 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 the following meetings held the evening of 7/16/07: 2008 Budget Hearing, Public Hearing for the application filed by Lloyd Bay, Public Hearing for the application filed by Charles Bay, and the regular trustee meeting. The regular meeting minutes corrected bottom of page 0334. Motion carried, 3-0.
- **Motion** to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$13,888.50 and payroll/charges in the amount of \$51,213.53 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- CORRESPONDENCES and ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - RE TAX advance to be mailed FRI: Fire \$442,000; Road Improvement \$112,000, R&B \$69,000.
  - Budget Hearing with County Budget Commission scheduled for AUG 6, 2007, at 9:10 a.m.
  - Certain MMO benefits increased effective July 1, 2007, per email from Gretchen of Trimmer Ins. Those who are insured will receive notification. Discussion of various insurance options to explore for next year's policy(s).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Update on OPWC Project – Kauffman Road: Randles said he met with Mr. Arbaugh and Mr. Mike Schalfan (from South Central Power Co) regarding tree topping on Kauffman Road. Smith said he contacted Mr. Stebelton who has agreed to work with the township by taking care of the wood chips for us.

**Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to accept the quote from Arbaugh Tree Service to trim the trees so we can get the Kauffman Road project going. Motion carried 3-0. Randles said their work would begin Monday morning, the week after next. Discussion of work agreements with property owners. Smith is working with Adam Lanier.

- Discussion of warning sirens project. One siren is up. The second siren is to go to the Collegeview pool area. Discussion of placement of the final two sirens. Smith will contact the homeowners association for Slate Ridge. Petty requested approval of sending in the payment for the final two sirens. Two have been paid for. Randles asked if we commit the money now, when we would get the sirens. Petty said the second siren will be here in August and the fourth will be in service by the end of this year.

**Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to approve payment for the two sirens with \$4,000 from the Fire Fund and \$4,000 from the General Fund. Motion carried 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Randles announced that the Fire Department has been approved for a grant from the Wellness Program. One of the fire lieutenants said he received a call today from Senator Voinovich's office informing him of the \$43,377 grant that has a 5% (\$2,282) township match for a total of \$45,660. Chief Gill will bring the grant to the next trustee meeting for approval.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** none

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** none

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

- Solt said that he and Randles had attended the "walk-through" at Fairfield Farms last Thursday. Solt said he completed the RPC worksheet listing ten problem items that need to be addressed by RPC. Discussion of township authority of lowering speed limit.
- Randles asked when mowing of roads would resume. Solt said week after next, weather permitting.
- Randles said he received a call from the Sheriff's Office about a tree limb down on Bowling Green Lane. Randles called Solt and Solt brought the mini hoe because it was a huge limb. Randles said the road crew was there in 20 minutes from their homes in the evening. Randles said they did a very nice job.

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- Smith suggested when the Road Dept has time in the fall that they clear the fence in the back of the township building between us and the neighbor. He said it is very grown up at the fence. All agreed.
- Cemetery Report by Sexton Dan Starkey. Starkey requested that a copy of the cemetery brochure be sent with deeds when mailed out. Moore said if they do not get one when they purchase the lot, then to let her know and she will include one in the mailing of the deed.
- Starkey asked if the trustees agreed with the changes in the cemetery rule book he had proposed at a past trustee meeting. No one, including Starkey, had the changes available. Moore agreed to look in her files for the information and Starkey will see if he can find his copy. Petty said he developed the original Bloom cemetery rule book modeled after the Lithopolis Cemetery booklet because guidelines had become necessary.
- Discussion if a large millstone with no name and no foundation that appeared one day on a cemetery lot with truck tracks leading to and from it. Trustees instructed Solt to remove the stone because there is no name, no footer, and we don't know who put it there.
- Starkey said he wants to put the cemetery rules on the Website once the trustees consider the changes he wants to make.
- Starkey discussed a Boy Scout project that will be undertaken by local scout Dan Cipparrone whom Starkey had introduced to the trustees and fiscal officer prior to the meeting.
- Starkey said there is a memorial celebration planned for this SEP 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Hoy Memorial to dedicate a memorial to a Revolutionary War Soldier, Tobias Slusser. Starkey will meet with other groups to plan the event: Daughters of American Rev., Militia Reinactor group who will fire their rifles at the ceremony. He will try to get Bob Taylor from Post 10523 as the Color Guard. There will be an invocation, short speech by Starkey, Firing of arms, solutes, and taps. Starkey asked the trustees if he could purchase a wreath from the cemetery fund and they agreed he could. Starkey said Anne Cyphert will do a press release.

**OTHER:**

Chair Randles was called away from the meeting at this point.

**Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to go into executive session to discuss personnel wages and benefits. Motion carried 2-0. Petty said there would be no action taken following executive session.

Randles re-entered the meeting and the officials went into executive session.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Randles adjourned the meeting.

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Brian E. Randles  
Chair

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Carol J. Moore  
Fiscal Officer