

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 03/07/07>>>

Brian Randles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. at the township office 8490 Lithopolis Road. Members present were Trustees Randles and David Petty, and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. No others in attendance. The meeting moved to the OFFICE of the FAIRFIELD COUNTY ENGINEER, 3026 West Fair Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio 43130, for the annual meeting with Jeff Baird, Paul Stolte, and Cheryl Downour for discussion of road maintenance issues.

Baird distributed a packet of information which included *Hourly Rental Rates for County Owned Equipment, Bulletin 2007-001* from the new Auditor of State, Mary Taylor, CPA, regarding Force Account Limits, a memo from Frank Anderson with Bloom Twp's 2007 allocation from the Motor Vehicle Fund (\$5,325.00), info sheet on *2007 Planned Projects for Roads and Bridges*.

ISSUE ONE Kauffman Rd.: Baird said phase one is a go. Official notification comes in July. Baird said he can bid out May-June but all in-kind work must be completed before process begins.

Engineer's office will oversee the whole project: Advertising for bids, bid opening, recommendation of KTRs to accept, prevailing wage compliance, Workers' Comp, Insurance etc. compliance, all inspections and testing etc. Baird will send resolutions for passage by the trustees for advertising, award, commencing of work, etc.

Baird asked if Bloom Twp would be doing their own paperwork to submit for payment from OPWC. He said we could hire an engineering firm to do it due to the complexity.

Baird requested a copy of the approved Issue One application. Moore will provide same.

Baird explained in-kind contribution by township is the township's share of the project that was pledged in the Issue One application. The in-kind is in addition to the township's monetary share contribution to the project.

Discussion: Revenue and Appropriations need to be amended when grant notice is received.

Baird said if the Issue One project cost runs in excess of the grant amount plus the township share, the excess cost is paid entirely by the township. Discussion of the risk to the township and how to minimize the risk of project overruns.

Baird said the township has to show logs of their in-kind work. He said to always call him if the township has any questions about the project.

BRIDGES: Baird said if we are paving roads, let the county engineer look at the bridge first because of load-rating and guardrail heights. Don't call him on chip/seal- go on across the bridge with chip/seal.

Baird said it will take 10-12 weeks this year to replace the bridge at Winchester/Mason.

MOTOR VEHICLE FUND ALLOCATION: Moore asked why we received \$17,000 in 2006 and will receive only \$5,325 in 2007. Stolte said the calculations figure a township's revenue from sources such as Road, Gas and General Fund. Petty said the General Fund inside millage should not be considered because that revenue is not spent on the roads.

FORCE ACCOUNT limits: Baird answered questions for the trustees and fiscal officer. Randles asked Baird if our road supervisor, Randy Solt, could be trained on Force Account requirements. Stolte offered to meet with Solt. Randles said he would have Solt set up a time to come in. Baird said he would send us out a spreadsheet to use for tracking the Force Account information.

SUMMER ROAD PROJECT: Baird said no township has yet accepted his offer to include them in the paving project that the county bids out. He said we could be included and both entities might get a better price due to large volume.

Petty asked about access management. Discussion regarding road ratings, site distance, how zoning restrictions and access management conflict.

ALSPACH/LORA LANE PROJECT: Discussion of Resolution and Plans Cover Sheet that the Engineer's Office sent to Bloom Twp for passage and signature. It was decided the trustees would bring the Resolution for passage at the next regular meeting. Moore gave Baird a signed easement agreement for the file. Discussion regarding legal counsel is working on obtaining other easement agreements to complete the preliminaries for the project.

Randles adjourned the meeting.

Brian E. Randles
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer