

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 03/14/07>>>

Brian Randles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Trustees Randles, David Petty, 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:

- Paul Perry gave a presentation on metal roofing possibilities for the township meeting room and steeple. He talked about using vinyl and aluminum to cover items that are currently painted. Discussion of possibility of using township trucks to catch debris.
- Resident Donna Abram said CAUV land valuation is going up 65%. She said the State of Ohio said it has to be raised. Abram said she attended an RPC meeting last week as an observer. She said she was supposed to take over Larry Coyle's RPC position in April, however, she suggested maybe Coyle should attend the RPC APR 3rd public meeting since he has been involved with the new subdivision regulations issue that will be addressed then. Smith asked Abram to also attend the APR 3 meeting. Donna said commissioners must vote on subdivision regulations APR 10 or it dies. Smith said he would contact Coyle to come to next trustee meeting to discuss. Abram said RPC is giving Sunshine Law training MAR 19, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Ag Bldg. and she signed up for it.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to approve minutes of regular meeting held 2-28-07. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to approve DFWP *Train the Trainer* \$825 expense by the Fire Department. Motion carried 3-0. This is eligible for a 75% reimbursement from BWC.
- **Motion** by Petty second, by Smith to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$92,057.06 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$42,328.73 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Correspondence/Announcements:
 - 3rd real estate tax advance for first half is in the mail to us for total \$688,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Fairfield County Engineer's Office requested the trustees pass the resolution provided by that office and sign the drawing cover sheet regarding the Alspach Road Drainage Improvement project.

Motion by Smith, second by Petty to adopt the resolution provided by the engineer's office which is on file and is Bloom Township **RESOLUTION 07-07**.

ROLL CALL: Petty - Yes; Randles - Yes; Smith – Yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.

The trustees signed the Cover Sheet and the Resolution.

Smith said the county commissioners approved the Alspach/Lora Lane project in January 2006. He said Coyle told him it had passed with restrictions. Smith requested someone get a copy of those minutes from the commissioners' office.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Petty presented a proposal from a law firm who would like to perform legal work for the township. Petty said they found themselves unemployed after the last election so they are forming their own law firm. They worked in the former attorney general's office. He said they have expertise in JEDD and government issues. Discussion of legal charges by various legal counsels.
- Randles said the vendor who creates township maps would like to give a presentation at our next meeting. **Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to move the starting time of the March 28th trustee meeting up to 7:00 p.m. and begin with the map presentation. Motion carried 3-0.

BLDG/ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Report postponed till next trustee meeting due to the death of Anne Cyphert's mother.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Gill said Collegeview trustee Lonnie Leonard was very happy to hear that a siren is planned for that area. There will be a meeting Monday at 1:00 at the Liberty Center regarding the sirens.
- BWC Training- Gill said one of his firefighters (B.C.) will be able to give the annual training to our employees due to the *Train the Trainer* course he will be receiving.
- Jake Engine Brake: Gill explained the function and said they stop the truck quicker and save on break wear. Smith Asked how long the engine would be out of service. Gill guessed about 3 days. **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to authorize the installation of Jake Brakes at a cost of \$6,252. Motion carried 3-0.
- Randles asked if it would be practical to shut down the utilities at the Collegeview sub-station. Gill said Ed R. goes as a first responder from that station. Randles said the heating bill was over \$200 last month. Gill said the thermostat is set on 50 degrees. Randles said he didn't know the building was still used and he agrees it should remain in service. Smith asked if there is a possibility of getting more volunteer firefighters. Gill said people lose interest due to the amount of training required.
- Gill said every year the Knights of Columbus recognize law enforcement and fire departments, health and safety. Jeff Cotner received the Blue Coat Award this year. Gill noted that Cotner has had an article published in *Fire Engineering* magazine.
- Gill briefed the trustees on the recent fire in Lithopolis where three lives were saved by smoke detectors. Gill said he was returning from a Safety Council meeting in Lancaster and he could see the smoke go from light to darker gray to black as the fire flashed through the structure very quickly. The fire was tough to extinguish due to the inner log cabin walls. Gill said the foam knocked the fire down in the structure that had no fire stops. He said the cause appeared to be an electric baseboard heater.
- Gill requested an executive session be held at the end of the meeting.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Discussion of Brandt Road. All agreed the road needs to be improved.
- Randles asked Solt if he could put two trucks out for debris collection when the Greencastle roof is done.
- Update on Greencastle Drainage project: Solt said he will have permits by next meeting.
- Solt will be meeting with Mr. Stolte of the county engineer's office tomorrow morning for an information session on Force Accounts.
- Discussion of future Issue One projects. Discussion of improvements to Brandt Road. Solt would like to motor pave Brandt Road again this year.
- Randles said we might piggyback with the county on our summer road project this year.

OTHER:

- Randles discussed MOU from Mr. Yapple. Randles said he hasn't been able to contact our legal counsel and all agreed to address the proposal next meeting.
- **Motion** to enter into executive session for discussion of Fire Department personnel employment and Road Department personnel fringe benefit issues. Motion carried 3-0. Petty said there may be some action afterwards.
- **Motion** to come out of executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Randles adjourned the meeting.

Brian E. Randles
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer