

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 11/28/07>>>

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 Anne Darling Cyphert, Board and B/Z Administrator; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Road Supervisor Randy Solt and several interested citizens.

- Randles opened the meeting with Sean Sprouse of Burnham and Flower presenting a proposed insurance plan to several firefighters and others present.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to appoint Sean Sprouse of Burnham and Flower as the agent of record for insurance needs for the Bloom Township Board of Trustees. Motion carried 3-0.

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 regular meeting held 11/14/07 and special meetings held 11/14/07, 11/21/07 and 11/27/07 (Commissioners). Motion carried 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #22-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the following transfers are approved:
 1. \$15,000 from 2111-760-750 (Motor Vehicles) to 2111-220-323 (Repairs-Vehicles) to meet year end fire department vehicle repair expenses.
 2. \$2,000 from 2031-910-910 (Transfers-Out) to 2903-330 (Reserve for Road Empl. Ret.)
 3. \$3,000 from 2111-910-910 (Transfers-Out) to 2902-330 (Reserve for Fire Empl.Ret)
 4. \$150,000 from 2111-910-910 (Transfers-Out) to 4902-931 (Reserve Fire Building Fund) per RESOLUTION #40-05

Motion by Petty, second by Smith. ROLL CALL : Petty – Yes; Smith - Yes; Randles – Yes. Resolution passed 3-0.

- **RESOLUTION #23-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the permanent appropriation resolution for 2007 is modified by decreasing the appropriation for 4401-330-360 from \$526,132.00 to zero due to the OPWC Kauffman Road project #CQ18K being delayed until 2008.

Motion by Petty, second by Smith. ROLL CALL : Petty – Yes; Smith - Yes; Randles – Yes. Resolution passed 3-0.

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to approve \$2,261.41 payment to Center City for repairs to Medic 551. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$20,608.60 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$72,132.63 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Correspondence and Announcements**
 - County Commissioners requested JEDD entities to meet with them TUE, NOV 27, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room.
 - Trimmer received our Guardian Dental Ins. renewal. Says it would be 8% increase JAN 1, 2008.
 - END OF YEAR NOTICE: Do not buy anything unless you can turn in the bill for payment at the DEC 26, 2007 meeting. Do not charge items that will not be billed by DEC 26 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lithopolis right-of-way permit application: Solt said a large culvert will be needed to address the problem. Smith said that might create a problem for the township. Solt will discuss the matter with the village. **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to authorize Randles to sign off on the permit if the project is acceptable to Solt. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Randles reported on the meeting held yesterday with the county commissioners and representatives of the JEDD area. Petty, Randles, Moore, and Cyphert as well as attorney John Albers represented Bloom Twp. An agreement regarding county utilities was reached.
- Rockies Express Pipeline(REX): permit request will be discussed at the next meeting.
- OPWC update. Moore explained that in order to grant Bloom Twp an extension to 2008 OPWC needs documentation showing delay of project was beyond our control. Solt will investigate the matter and communicate the needs of the township to the appropriate authorities.

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- Road Dept overtime policy: Cyphert presented a proposed overtime policy that she and Randles had worked on at the request of the Board of Trustees.

ROAD DEPT. OVERTIME SAFETY POLICY:

When the need arises for overtime for Road Department employees, the following policy is to be adhered to for safety reasons:

- Road Department employees can only work beyond 12 hours in an emergency and in no case more than 16 hours. Then employees must be off duty from work a mandatory 8 hours. This policy follows Fairfield County's policy.

Motion by Smith, second by Petty to adopt the overtime policy as presented. Road department employees will be asked to initial a copy of the policy. Motion carried 3-0.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Admin & B/Z Admin.

- Zoning Seminar: RPC held a zoning training seminar last evening. All but one zoning commission members attended. A potentially interested zoning commission applicant also attended the seminar.
- Running Bear Run: The United States Board of Geographic Names has officially changed the name of the creek in Bloom Twp along Winchester Southern Road (across from Ashbrook Subdivision) as Running Bear Run.
- WHIZ Tower easement issue: The County Prosecutor's Office continues to recommend against approval of the WHIZ letter of credit/easement issue at this time.
- Substantially similar zoning regarding allowing a welding shop: Cyphert explained this is needed due to an applicant requesting a conditional use permit for welding which at this time is not included in the list of trade services. Motion by Smith, second Petty to approve welding as a trade use for a conditional use permit.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

Grumman engine is done and has a 12 year warranty on the pump.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Road Supervisor Randy Solt

- Dan Starkey, cemetery sexton, said a local surveyor may volunteer some work to determine boundaries. Lot numbers need to be determined for a veterans section. He discussed this with Solt and they are considering two areas at Rockmill Cemetery. A section of the north side of the cemetery as well as other locations could be considered. These would be available for indigent veterans if needed. 64 lots are being considered. This could also be for honorably discharged veterans. It would not be offered to dishonorably discharged veterans. These would not be for a veteran's spouse.

Starkey asked the trustees to consider selling single plots instead of double plots.

RESOLUTION #24-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that:

- lots numbered 179 through 186 be set aside for the burial of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who were discharged under better than dishonorable conditions, and that graves in this section be provided free of charge for the burial of indigent veterans, and that this section be known henceforth as the Bloom Township Cemetery Field of Honor.

- that non-indigent veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who were discharged under better than dishonorable conditions and wish to be interred in the Bloom Township Field of Honor may purchase single grave spaces within the Field of Honor for 50% of the cost of a single grave space elsewhere in the cemetery.

- that the Cemetery Department make available for purchase to the public, single grave spaces in Row 2, Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12 in the Bloom Township Cemetery, and that these spaces be priced at 50% of the cost of a two-grave plot.

Motion by Smith, second by Petty. ROLL CALL: Smith – Yes; Petty – Yes; Randles – Yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.

OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT

Randles adjourned the meeting.