

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ORGANIZATION MEETING 01-09-08>

Fiscal Officer Carol Moore called the organization meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Trustees David Petty, Brian Randles and Joseph Smith; Fiscal Officer Carol Moore, and Board Administrator Anne Cyphert.

- Moore called for nominations for the 2008 Chair. Petty nominated Smith. Hearing no other nominations, nominations were closed.

ROLL CALL: Petty - Yes; Randles - Yes; Smith – Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

- Moore called for nominations for the Vice-Chair for 2008. Randles nominated Petty. Hearing no other nominations, nominations were closed.

ROLL CALL: Petty - Yes; Randles - Yes; Smith – Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

- Smith called for the setting of the 2008 regular trustee meeting times and place.

RESOLUTION #01-08: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that the meeting dates for 2008 are set as the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m., special meetings as called by the trustees with 24 hours notice sent to media and posted on entrance door, emergency meetings as necessary. Meetings to be held at the Township Office, 8490 Lithopolis Road, Carroll, Ohio 43112.

Motion by Petty, second by Randles.

ROLL CALL: Petty - Yes; Randles - Yes; Smith - Yes Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph E. Smith
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer

REGULAR MEETING follows

CALL TO ORDER by new Chair Smith

Pledge of Allegiance and **Moment of Silence** in honor of our troops who are serving in the Military throughout the world.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Lt. Tim Vorhis of the Sheriffs Office reported that the community patrol program is off to a good start.
- Discussion with Northeast Natural Gas company representative, Roger Woods regarding OPWC project. Woods showed township officials the map for the gas lines on Kauffman Road. Woods said their engineer has advised that their utility is not in the way of the project except in a few places. Bloom Twp Road Supervisor Randy Solt said Jeff Baird had said if it is within the work limits it is in the way. Solt said the County Engineer wants Bloom to insist the gas company move their lines. Solt said all other utilities have moved their utilities out of the right of way. Bartlett Road section is a problem that must be addressed. Smith asked Woods how soon his company could fix the main if it got hit. Woods said his company would repair it within ½ hour. Woods said his company would be liable for any needed repairs since they are giving the township the go-ahead. Woods will meet with Solt to further discuss the project. A plumber will be on call in the event of an emergency.
- Bill Arnett, Fairfield County Economic Development Committee: invited everyone to the Route 33 Economic Development Alliance meeting next week on Jan. 16. Plans will be announcement regarding the goals of the committee. The former Route 33 Task Force committee will meet the meeting before to plan for officers for the group.

Arnett reported he has been attending the various JEDD Hearings and is interested in attending Bloom's if one is scheduled. Petty said he has serious reservations on whether we can afford the JEDD. We have spent over \$20,000 so far in legal fees and it could run into another \$30,000 in additional legal fees. A consultant has proposed managing the JEDD for Bloom for \$24000 for one year. Randles said he likes the annexation protection of the JEDD and fears the land could get eaten up by Canal Winchester. Smith said if we get into it, we would have utilities. Discussion of income taxes from the trustees: The Village of Carroll has an income tax and if they annexed, the property owner would pay the tax anyway. But this way they would only pay the JEDD tax. Petty said he spoke with a county commissioner regarding concerns of income taxes in the JEDD. Arnett said that is being discussed right now. Part of the contract says that can be used for

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marketing which could conflict with the Route 33 Economic Development Committee. Arnett said the JEDD officials and the Route 33 Economic Development Committee are comprised of many of the same people so there is question regarding the money planned for marketing for the JEDD vs. the Route 33 Economic Development Committee. Arnett worked on a JEDD in Zanesville in Washington Twp. He shared his experience with that project. He said 100% of the income tax revenue went to the city for water and sewer lines and none went to the township. The township was not looking at the project for income tax but as a way to avoid annexation. Arnett said his concerns about this proposed JEDD is why a business or property owner would want to join this particular JEDD. He said this JEDD strongly encourages property owners to join the JEDD, but why would they want to? Cyphert stated a large part of the area in Bloom Twp. where the JEDD is proposed to be located is already zoned for business. She asked Arnett, if a company would come to Bloom Twp and ask to locate here, would the county provide the utilities without making them join the JEDD or annex? Arnett said the county wants to serve them without forcing annexation or making them enter a JEDD. That would keep the company in Bloom Twp. without annexation. Randles said if we joined the JEDD, we would also benefit from the other JEDD entities that bring development to the entire JEDD area. The trustees thanked Arnette for coming and said his comments were helpful. The trustees discussed the uncertainty of interchanges in the area of Route 33. The trustees would like to invite John Albers, attorney, to the next meeting to discuss the JEDD.

- Randles asked a question regarding firefighter negotiations: Gill said the union firefighter's attorney is sick, so no plans for negotiations are set as of now.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve minutes of regular meeting held 12-31/07. Motion carried 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #02-08** Overtime policy clarification: **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that when Road Department employees are dispatched to a weather emergency on a holiday, any hours worked over 40 hours in that week will be paid at the overtime rate. The 8 holiday hours will be treated as regular hours worked. Motion by Randles, second by Petty. Roll Call: Petty – Yes; Smith – Yes; Randles – Yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #03-08: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that permanent appropriations for the year 2008 are approved as presented by the Fiscal Officer. Motion by Petty, second by Randles. Roll Call: Petty – Yes; Smith – Yes; Randles – Yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve payment of bills and Payroll/charges presented by Moore having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #04-08: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** to authorize the Board Administrator, the Board of Trustees, and the Fiscal Officer to utilize the legal services of the firm of Jerrold Schwarz and Reminger and Reminger as needed at an hourly rate not to exceed previously approved rates. Motion by Randles, second by Petty. Roll Call: Petty – Yes; Smith – Yes; Randles – Yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #05-08: 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 2008. Motion by Petty, second by Randles. Roll Call: Petty – Yes; Smith – Yes; Randles – Yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.
- Inventory lists for forwarding to the FF County Engineer's Office to be reviewed at next meeting.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to move the next trustee meeting up to 6:30. Motion carried 3-0. Cyphert will give notice of the meeting time change.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Motion by Petty, second by Randles to approve the EMS online training program by National Paramedic Institute, Inc. as presented at last trustee meeting and costing up to \$3,000. **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to accept the resolution prepared by the County Engineer's Office regarding the Legal Notice for Bids for the OPWC Kauffman Road Project. Bid Advertising/Opening **RESOLUTION#06-08** is on file in the office of the fiscal officer. Roll Call: Petty – Yes; Smith – Yes; Randles – Yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.

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RESOLUTION #07-08: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES to compensate Mrs. Brooks per the signed and notarized document prepared by township attorney Jerold Schwarz.

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

- Petty reported the Health Advisory Committee met tonight but our trustees were unable to attend due to our meeting. The 2009 appropriations will be voted on in March.

BLDG/ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert

- AT&T meeting report: Cyphert met with Dave Kandle of AT&T regarding the new U-Verse Project that will bring fiber TV service, phone, and internet to portions of Bloom Township but not on a large scale. She said Randles also came to their meeting. She is pleased that the company is slightly expanding into the township but would like to see the entire township served. Kandle told them that all rural customers can still have high speed internet via satellite. Cyphert said she has it at home and at the township and while it is better than dial-up, it is a far cry from DSL.
- Sunshine Law report: The state auditor's office has provided the township with updated copies of The Sunshine Law Manual. One will be kept in the meeting room, one in the trustees' office, and one in the fiscal officer's office. Cyphert said there are updated cases that are informative in the new manual and urged the elected officials to review it.
- Route 33 meeting: Cyphert said Route 33 Economic Development Committee invites all township officials to their meeting next Wednesday evening and would like to see a good turn out.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Gill

- A house fire in Pickaway County was caused by an electrical problem. Bloom Twp. and other companies responded to the scene. The house was a total loss. A citizen passing by the area noticed the house on fire and knocked on the door to rouse the family, thus saving the family's lives. His name is Chris Wagat. Gill and Cyphert will work on getting a news release together to recognize him.
- Gill met with the BWC representative about rate increases. The township's reduction will be 76%, which is still a significant cost savings. Added to that is the 15% discount and the 4% for attending Safety Council meetings.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Road Supervisor Randy Solt

Solt spoke to a Cedar Hill resident regarding a drainage issue. The problem is off a county road and the township cannot legally assume responsibility for it.

OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph E. Smith
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer