

**<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 05-28-08>**

Vice Chair David Petty called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Members present were Trustees Petty, Brian Randles, and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Joseph Smith was absent. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Admin.& B/Z Administrator; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Road Supervisor Randy Solt.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Robert Stebelton: said he wanted to make sure the trustees were not taking action on the JEDD issue this evening.
- Dan Boyer: Kauffman Road resident reiterated that he does not have the firewood from the trees cut in front of his property. Said he still wants the tree replaced that was not in the easement but was cut down as part of the Kauffman Road project. The trustees said nothing can be done about wood not left because it is no longer available. Discussion about what he wanted left and whether the county can be involved. Boyer said he thought Trustee Smith was going to contact him but he did not. Trustee Petty will contact Trustee Smith about the status of the issue. Petty said that he or Smith would call Boyer in the morning. Solt said he contacted the county engineer about the wood but has not received a return call about how they were proceeding with the issue.
- Frank Schwartz of Greencastle said he wants to address the full board at the next meeting.
- Recognition of Lauren Durnbaugh: a certificate was presented to Lauren Durnbaugh regarding her brave efforts to thwart a burglary in her home last month. Sheriff Dave Phalen also was present to commend her efforts. Lauren's mother was also recognized for her efforts.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:** by Fiscal Officer Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve minutes of the regular meeting held MAY 14, 2008. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve Fire Dept purchases: Fire Safety Services for \$4,680 (turnout gear), Fairfield Diagnostic Imaging for \$6380 pending funds received from Fire Act Grant, Bader Truck Repair for \$1,240.70. Motion carried 2-0.
- **RESOLUTION #16-08: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that \$50,000 is set-aside in Road & Bridge Fund line 2031-330-360-1508 and encumbered with super blanket certificate 74-2008. This is accomplished by a within fund transfer of \$50,000 from 2031-330-360-0000. Motion by Randles, second by Petty.

ROLL CALL: Petty – yes; Randles – yes; Smith – absent. Resolution adopted 2-0.

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$25,953.64 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$58,889.92 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 2-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

- OTARMA Property and Liability policy renewal discussion. Fire Dept will email inventory to be forwarded to OTARMA.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- FEMA Grant update: Emergency Snow Removal Operations MAR 7-9: Petty said he signed off on the FEMA application and valued our expenses as \$10,803.15. The state will reimburse us 75% of that amount.
- Greencastle drainage and basement mold control update: Solt said they are waiting on dry weather to start the project. He said they need four dry days.

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

- Monthly zoning permit: Cyphert reported three new accessory building applications just came in. Those are the only permits during the month of May. She is reviewing the zoning resolution during the slow time. She is also creating zoning publications for the BZA and the public to make for easier reading of the zoning resolution. She said we need to add some more substantially similar uses.
- Presentation of Solid Waste Resolution: this is for review this evening. It states in-district waste fees will remain the same but out of district will increase to \$4.
- Resolution on Schumacher property: The prosecutor's office is still studying a companion resolution so it is still not ready for approval.
- Delta Dental: Billing problems continue.

Petty congratulated Cyphert on her 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this evening.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** by Chief Terry Gill

- Turn-out gear estimate was less expensive than going with the State Contract.
- Six companies were contacted to give estimate for painting exterior of firehouse. Only one company presented an estimate. Proof of Workers' Comp and Insurance will be provided prior to work commencing.

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- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve Exterior paint estimate for Station 551 from RCI Painting Company for \$1285 pending all appropriate paperwork. Motion carried 2-0.
- 3500 pounds of fish were cooked at the Memorial Day Fish Fry.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- Discussion of New Mower quotes. Petty said he spoke with Solt last week regarding the tractor purchase. He said the Tiger Mower has issues so he would like to upgrade to an Alamo Mower. Randy said the Alamo mower we have now is 6 or 7 years old. Solt now proposes to do a boom mower head. It will keep it solid on the road and help it reach over the guardrails. It will necessitate an additional \$21,206. He said this will help with hydraulics. Randles expressed concern over the price increase. Moore discussed the availability of funds with the trustees. She said we recently earmarked \$50,000 for Sitterley Road and \$24,000 for the Kauffman Road Phase Two project. Moore said she should have been consulted before the meeting regarding this additional major expense. Solt said he expects to receive at least \$8,000 from the resale of the current tractors at the county auction. Randles asked if pieces could be rented. He also asked if the full board should be present for the decision. Petty said he thinks it should be approved this evening.

**RESOLUTION #17-08: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** to rescind the previous motion that authorized the purchase of the Tiger side mount and instead authorize the purchase of the Alamo Versa Series from Southeastern Equipment. The total amount authorized for the purchase of the two tractor mower sets is now increased from \$90,000 to up to \$113,000. Further, to fund this purchase, \$105,000 is appropriated to line 2031-760-740 (Machinery, Equipment and Furniture) from unappropriated money. Motion by Randles, second by Petty. ROLL CALL: Petty – yes; Randles – yes; Smith – absent. Resolution adopted 2-0.

Demolition Hammer for Road Dept use on Minihoe: Randles said Smith asked him before the meeting to relay the message that with the purchase of new equipment, he does not expect any concrete work to be contracted out that can be done with the new equipment. Solt said yes he understands.

Discussion of various purchases on line etc.

Randles asked Solt why he didn't bring this up earlier if he knew he was going to need it this season. Solt said he tries to bring up only one thing at a time.

Moore asked for clarification of what Solt and the trustees are discussing buying at this time. Randles said a demolition hammer. Discussion that the Road Dept needs to use this equipment if it is purchases.

**Motion** by Randles to purchase the Atlas Copco PB-210 demolition hammer for \$5,500 with at least a one year warranty. No second to the motion; discussion followed.

Moore asked Solt where the money would come from to buy the \$5,500 hammer. Solt said he figured we would use the \$8,000 in the R & B Equipment line. Moore said that \$8,000 plus the newly appropriated \$105,000 was going for the purchase of the two tractor mowers. Moore said more money will need to be moved to the FUEL expense line before the end of 2008. She suggested we not appropriate additional money but find another appropriation line to move the money from. Moore suggested Solt communicate with her before the meeting about expenditures he plans to present at the meeting.

Petty asked Solt if he would need to use this piece of equipment within the next two weeks. Solt said he would not need it that soon. Petty said it should be postponed until Solt meets with Moore about the expenditure. Randles agreed. Petty said this needs to be thought out. He said a he thinks we need to really think hard on the new proposed building construction.

- Randles asked Solt if he and the road crew could bring the roller out to the township parking lot and patch the potholes. Discussion regarding other projects. Moore explained where the drainage project and mold removal project funding is coming. Discussion of where the money could come from to pave the township parking lot. Moore suggested the trustees plan ahead and get estimates before they commit to funding a paving project. Shelly Company is going to provide an estimate for paving the parking lot.

**OTHER:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Petty adjourned the meeting.

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David Petty  
Chair

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Carol J. Moore  
Fiscal Officer