

BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 02-24-21

CALL TO ORDER: Carol Moore, Chairperson called the meeting to order via Zoom technology due to the health department's guidelines regarding the pandemic. Members present were Moore, Brian Randles, Jason Smith, and Holly Mattei, Fiscal Officer were present. Department supervisors were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we paused for a moment of silence in honor of our troops serving throughout the world and to express sincere condolences to Steve Green and family due to the recent passing of his father.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Holly Mattei, F.O.

Update on new payroll platform: this is from our payroll service and will take effect 3/1. Not changing in our payroll transmission, but the payroll service will process the debit to come out of our account the night before payroll. Portals for reports will be changing. Invoice will be a monthly bill at the same rate. Employees will receive two emails to assist them in seeing their new payroll account with login instructions.

- Bi-annual audit will likely commence next week.
- Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve the 2021 Annual Appropriations Resolution for Bloom Township:
RESOLUTION #03-21: BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Bloom Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures as attached: ROLL: MOORE: YES RANGLES: YES SMITH: YES. Resolution approved 3-0.
- Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve the 2/10/2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0. Randles clarified in regards to those minutes that he didn't mean that he was not in favor of Green getting an estimate for emergency repairs. Randles was referring to emergency expenditures involving a truck that was down in the middle of a heavy snow that required immediate repairs. He is in favor of seeking estimates for expenditures in normal circumstances.
- Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve payments in the amount of \$50,718.27 and charges in the amount of \$130,079.61. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Steve Green, Road Supervisor

- Motion by Smith, second by Randles to authorize payment to Mobile Lube and Equipment in the amount of \$2215.40. Motion carried 3-0. This is for #2 dump truck, back brakes readjusted and carriage as well.
- Motion by Randles, second by Smith to authorize payment to Goodale Auto and Truck Repair in the amount of \$1,992.18. Motion carried 3-0. This is for #2 dump truck, rear differential.
- Motion by Randles, second by Smith to authorize payment to Mobile Equipment and Lube in the amount of \$1,913.30 for removal and re-installation of rear differential on # 2 dump truck. Motion carried 3-0. Green complimented the mechanic for speedy repairs and good customer service.
- Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve Tru - Quality Vegetation control for this year's spraying of herbicide (weed control) throughout the Township. Motion carried 3-0.

This is the same company used by us annually. In addition, also spraying Johnson Grass later in the summer season at a cost of \$2,669.00 total for both applications. First initial cost is \$1,369.00 for vegetation control. Second spray later in the season for Johnson Grass will cost of \$ 1,300.00, which is the same price we've been paying each year.

- They discussed Steve's recommendations for asphalt for the 2021 summer season road project from County Engineers for a total cost of \$374,624.01. Estimate from county, which includes roads from email, full depth repair on 2 areas on Sitterley Road as well as berming said roads. Moore instructed Steve to work with the County Engineer to obtain a resolution prepared so the county can do the bidding. However, keep in mind, bidding might also be needed depending on the cost of crack seal plans. Randles asked about culverts. Green said he would get that out. Smith asked about crack seals on Lora Lane last year. Green said it was completed. Smith said he could consider a cape seal for the dead end of Coonpath Road. Randles reminded him about addressing the tractor issue so we are prepared for spring.
- Discussed salt situations for the remainder of the year: Supplies are low due to the extra harsh winter this year. We are expecting 275 more tons. Right now we pay \$69 per ton. Price will increase next year. He can get some for next year at \$82 per ton. He asked if there was any interest to get on another state list. The issue was discussed, but a decision was not made at this meeting. Green will watch for the list, when available.
- Discussed possible purchase of dump truck for the Township Road Department and discussed Mack truck or new Volvo dump truck for approximate cost of \$165,000.00 to \$167,000.00. Steve is leaning towards the Volvo dump truck, but wants our mechanic to look at each one to give his opinion on how hard it would be to get parts. He presented information documents to the trustees. The advantage of brine was discussed on the Volvo truck. He will need to find out if he needs a tanker endorsement for the brine. If so, Steve has the endorsement already. He would work with the county on the brine issue. They discussed whether we should have a truck built the way we want it. Moore suggested Randles work with Steve on the truck issue. Randles agreed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Thomas Williams, Chief

- Motion by Randles, second by Smith to reimburse Chief Williams \$115 for work boots. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve the hiring of Tim Boyd and Derrick Robbins as part time Firefighter/Paramedic upon completion of pre-employment requirements. Motion carried 3-0.
- OTARMA Safety Grant Update Identifire, requested \$916.
- Ohio EMS Grant Application was submitted (\$3000-\$5000). Other grants being sought as well. Motion by Smith, second by Randles to accept the Marcs Grant in the amount of \$2880. Motion carried 3-0. Radios work pretty well except for an issue with the City of Lancaster.
- We did not make the cutoff for AFG Grant. We will be collecting information for the next round. More grants are being sought.

- ISO scored us at 3 again. He anticipates will be a 2 next year. They are addressing hydrant and maintenance improvements, which retired firefighter Sean Moore spearheaded for them in the past.
- Discussion of new Fire Department Logo: Union is willing to discuss uniform concessions to assist with costs of implementing a new logo. The trustees are concerned about costs that would be incurred and suggested a detailed report needs to be submitted with the actual costs. Chief said they are working on a comprehensive cost report.
- Discussion about volunteer association fundraising: He said they purchased kitchen equipment and tools in the past.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator

- RPC assistance with zoning issues: auxiliary dwelling units.
- Zoning Legal Descriptions: county is running behind on parcel number registry causing a slight delay with processing permits.
- Health Department staffing issues: Kelly Spindler from the Environmental Division is leaving the department.
- Snow compliments: kudos to Road Supervisor Steve Green for his excellent communications during several weather events. This allowed for her to place information for the public on Savvy Citizen.
- Discussion of Savvy Citizen promotion to keep residents informed by checking into the costs of running an ad in a local biweekly newspaper.
- Annual Zoning Report: will be issued this spring.
- Her office is working on amending the zoning application to make it easier to understand while still keeping in accordance with our zoning resolution.

OTHER: Chief Williams said he and firefighter Tipple are volunteering to assist Bloom-Carroll staff with vaccinations.

The chair adjourned the meeting.