

BLOOM TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 03/13/19

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Brian Randles, Chair, called the meeting to order. Members present were Trustees Carol Moore, Brian Randles, Jason Smith; and Fiscal Officer David Cyphert. Department supervisors were also present and members of the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we paused for a moment of silence to remember our troops serving around the world.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by David Cyphert, Fiscal Officer

- Motion by Smith, second by Moore to receive and file the minutes of the 02/23/19 meeting and the 03/11/19 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion by Moore, second by Smith to approve payments of \$46,727.74 and charges of \$109,547.85. Motion carried 3-0.
- FO Cyphert stated there are resolutions that need to be reviewed from the Fairfield County Engineer's Office. The resolution for advertising the summer road paving project will not be passed at this meeting. The road supervisor will present a list of roads at the next meeting for trustee discussion and approval. The next step is for the county engineer's office to provide an estimate for the project. The resolution can then be passed.
- The trustees decided to wait to consider the resolution requesting the Fairfield County Engineer to provide engineering services for Coonpath Road until after meeting with Eric McCrady later in the meeting.
- The Fiscal Officer (FO) presented the official audit from the State of Ohio Auditor of State's Office. The trustees congratulated him on the outstanding audit report; thanked him for his hard work and doing an excellent job.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS:

- Randles: DAC report: They discussed raising fees that would have a significant impact on Bloom Township. He and the other committee members expressed concern over any increase in fees. He attended the meeting as representation for the Bloom Township Board of Trustees.
- Concerns were expressed about striping on Mason Road and Amanda Northern Road possibly fading. Discussion about methods and timing of striping the road.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: by Anne Darling-Cyphert, Board Administrator

- She said per the prosecutor, the part time health insurance waiver should be signed by all part-time firefighters. The chief will provide copies of all waivers.
- MRR Legal Training Seminar: She and Carol Moore attended a seminar presented by our legal firm. Safety and human resources topics were covered. It was a very worthwhile seminar. Our counsel, Stacy Pollock, was one of the presenters.
- Meeting with the Mayor: she met with Lithopolis Mayor Joe Taylor today. He informed her about their street paving plans and personnel updates in the village.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Terry Gill, Chief

- Monthly Reports were distributed and explained to the elected officials. Mutual aid runs and within township runs were noted in the report.
- Bids for Road Storage Building will be opened on March 27.
- Discussion of Fish Fry expenses to be submitted to the FO with the new request form for this purpose.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: by Steve Green, Supervisor

- Summer Paving Projects: He is in communication with Amanda Township about paving on Betz Road. Discussion of whether to crack seal this year or to pave.
- Miller Avenue at the Sitterley Road hill was discussed as being a safety issue. Green said it would have to be ground down. Smith asked Green to inquire about building up Miller Ave where it meets Sitterley. Randles and Moore have also viewed the area and have safety concerns.
- Coonpath Road east of Amanda Northern: Green said he investigated the residents' concerns. He said the truckers are dragging dirt and gravel onto the road. Green has asked the trucking company to enter the private property behind Coonpath via Pickerington Road.
- Eric McCrady from the Fairfield County Engineer's Office entered the meeting. He shared ideas about the concerns at Miller Ave & Sitterley Road. He recommended to cut the hump off. Costs would be approximately \$75,000. He will have resolutions forwarded to us by his office. This won't be included in this year's resurfacing project but will be on next year's list.
- Striping projects this year will be included in the bid with the paving projects this year.
- Decision to pave Betz rather than crack seal this year. Green will ask Scodeller to crack seal another road instead of Betz when finishing out their contract carried over from 2018.
- OPWC considerations: next phase of Kauffman Road or Coonpath Road from Pickerington Road to the township line. McCrady said there is a driveway issue that needs resolved on Kauffman Road. Banks will be cut back in the ROW's. Engineering is complete on Kauffman Road. Out of ROW agreements will need to be signed. Costs will be similar as phase 2. McCrady said our chances of getting both Kauffman Road and Coonpath Road projects approved are slim. He recommends applying for the Kauffman Road

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OPWC project towards Winchester this year. He recommends widening Coonpath Road. This would become a lengthy project. McCrady said the TWP's local share of the OPWC project can be used to pay for the costly engineering for the Coonpath Road reconstruction project. Fiscal Officer Cyphert said he will examine the budget to ensure funds are available.

- Bowling Green culvert guardrail plans: The two property owners who will be affected will be consulted on the project. Moore had requested various prices and options for the guardrail. Moore expressed concern for safety if there is no guardrail. McCrady said he recommends no guardrail be installed because the lowering of the speed limit was done which would help avoid accidents. He discussed prices for 225 feet of guardrail. McCrady said he is considering what to offer for acquisitions based on appraisals. He will keep the trustees aware of the projects. Smith said the township may offer an allowance for new trees for the property owners. If there is no agreement reached, a common pleas court judge will make the determination.
- The trustees said we want our summer projects done before school starts.

ADJOURN: With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Certified by

David L. Cyphert, Fiscal Officer

Date: