

BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 05-12-21

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, and Jason Smith. Fiscal Officer Holly Mattei and department supervisors were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we paused for a moment of silence in honor of our military serving throughout the world.

Mitchell Pinsky was introduced as the new summer intern from OSU.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: by Holly Mattei, Fiscal Officer

- Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve the minutes of the 4/28/21 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve a within fund transfer in the Cemetery Fund (2041) of \$485.00 from line 2041-760-740-0000 (Machinery, Equipment and Furniture) to line 2041-410-420-0000 (Operating Supplies) in order to pay for concrete from West Side Coal, landscaping items for the cemetery and other operating supplies. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve payments in the amount of \$35,419.78 and charges in the amount of \$92,978.21. Motion carried 3-0.
- Update on Ohio Public Works Commission: Notice was received that they are looking for board members. Let her know if anyone would like to apply.
- Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve pay for the Assistant to the Fiscal Officer in the amount of \$21.00 per hour up to 25 hours per week. Motion carried 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION # 10-21: A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for 2021 Resurfacing Project.**

WHEREAS, the opening of sealed bids on May 3, 2021, for the 2021 Resurfacing Project, resulted in the following bids:

- The Shelly Company \$260,259.50
- Kokosing Construction Co. Inc. \$335,648.00

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Engineer is recommending that the Contract for the 2021 Resurfacing Project be awarded to The Shelly Company; 80 Park Drive; Thornville, Ohio 43076, a responsive and responsible Bidder, for the amount of \$260,259.50.

NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: that this Board of Bloom Township Trustees resolves to, and does hereby, approve the Award to Bid in the amount of \$260,259.50, to The Shelly Company for the 2021 Resurfacing Project

SECTION 2: that the Fiscal Officer of this Board return a signed copy of this Resolution to the County Engineer for further processing.

Motion by: Randles Seconded by: Smith

ROLL: MOORE: Yes RANGLES: Yes SMITH: Yes

Resolution approved 3-0.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Administrator

- Discussion regarding moving the July 28th meeting date/time. No decision made.
- Starting in June, meetings will be held in the Admin Office building now that vaccinations have been available. Intern Mitchell Pinsky said he has learned masks rules may be dropped in June by the State of Ohio. CDC guidelines will be followed. All agreed masks will be required and doors and windows will be open for ventilation. Smith will survey the room and make changes, if needed for social distancing. If the public gathering is large, we will move the meeting to Zoom.
- Cemetery Sign is in and she requested the Road Department have it up by the end of next week.
- Celebration of Life Service for former Fiscal Officer, David Cyphert on August 1st at 1:00 pm at Rockmill Brewery. All are invited to attend.
- HB 280 REVISE MARCS USER FEES: To alter the law governing user fees for the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System.
- HB 282 ESTABLISH CONDITIONS FOR BRINE SALE: To establish conditions and requirements for the sale of brine from oil or gas operations as a commodity and to exempt that commodity from requirements otherwise applicable to brine.
- County Twp Association Meeting: May 23rd at the fairgrounds. Email was sent to everyone by Terry Dunlap from the association who said it is mandatory that at least one trustee from every township attend.
- Zoning Department is very busy with permits and several neighbor complaints.
- Invoice Dispute with Jones and Company is being addressed by our attorney.
- Drone is now insured and OTARMA has approved our policy from an insurance perspective.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: by Thomas Williams, Chief

- Motion by Randles, second by Smith to pay First Medical Occupational Health \$2,469.00 for full-time firefighter annual physicals. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: by Steve Green, Road Department Supervisor

Green submitted the following written report:

- John Deere Road Tractor in Washington Court House repair is done. Appears as if it was only the one gearbox so that was some good news. Waiting for it to be delivered back to us. Start mowing ROW's next week. Mike Kouns has been off for 2 weeks on vacation. He's due back in the office Monday and we should have the tractor back ready to mow by then. According to the contract that we are dealing with on the new State Bid, we can get a front bucket for the old 5225 John Deere Road Tractor. That is more good news. Instead of selling the 5225 or trading it in, we can strip all mowing hardware from it and add a front load bucket to it for the State Bid price of \$5,700.00. This would give the Township another loading source for the future. The \$5,700.00 doesn't include taking all mowing equipment off and the installation of a new bucket. I will have to get those prices. I'm guessing another \$2,000.00 if not more, but will find out, if all in agreement of this purchase. Discussion occurred about trade-in. This will be discussed in the near future.

- I would like to add Ravine Drive to our 2021 Summer Paving List, if possible. The road is in bad shape. It has been crack sealed in the past, but it is spalling badly and not much else can be done with it besides paving. This is one of the roads I would have liked to have tried the tar and chip / Cape Seal application on a couple years ago. I would have preferred a motion to approve this, but the estimator for Shelly Company hasn't got back with me on a price yet. Possibly, we can add a motion at the next meeting if everyone agrees. Should have figures by then. As it stands now, I'm guessing the unit price for Asphalt would be the same and it would just show up as an overage charge in the end for that extra small amount of work, but I will wait to see what Shelly Company comes back with.
- We did have the bid opening for Reclomite Monday so I met with the County Engineers. Pavement Technologies was awarded that contract, being they are the only one that offers this application type at the price of \$108,728.36, which stayed the same as the previous quote.
- Finally, as you may have heard, we have a local youth that seems to think it is fun to go around and use his F-250 4x4 pickup truck and put new striping (BURN OUT MARKS) in the middle of our intersections. I am well aware of who this person is and will be working with the Sheriff's Office as to how we can get it stopped directly. Just last night he was inclined to do it again in the middle of Lithopolis Rd. at the intersection of Sitterley Rd. The intersections that have been effected include: Waterloo and Slough Rd. / North Mason and Slough Rd. / Alspach Rd. and Sitterley Rd. There could be other burn out locations I haven't found yet. His truck was found last Tuesday night sitting on a 24 inch Bloom Township culvert pipe stuck with the nose of the vehicle resting on our berm ROW at Slough Rd. and Waterloo intersection with the truck tags pulled off of it. Obviously this person hasn't learned any lesson yet and it cost the Township \$750.00 to have it lifted off of the culvert pipe and towed away so the pipe wouldn't get damaged. This person was able to get the truck involved back from the towing company by only paying a minor storage fee. Anne is working on a letter to send to the person regarding Tow Bill Payment. As I said earlier, this needs to stop especially before this person hurts someone. Anne was instructed to obtain advice from the County Prosecutor's office.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.