

BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING 08-11-21

CALL TO ORDER: by **Carol Moore, Chairperson**, at 8490 Lithopolis Road. Members present were Trustees Carol Moore, Brian Randles, and Jason Smith. Fiscal Officer Holly Mattei was present as well as Anne Cyphert, Board Administrator; Thomas Williams, Fire Chief and Steve Green, Road Supervisor, and members of the public. The Pledge was recited and we paused for a moment of silence in honor of our military serving throughout the world.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Hunter's Run Conservancy District: Lindi Jackson, Jonathan Ferbrache, and Jon Kochis: provided an update on all the work being done within the District and the plans going forward. They are requesting financial assistance from Bloom, Greenfield, and Hocking townships. We will study the material and get back to them in the near future.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: Holly Mattei, Fiscal Officer

- Motion by Randles, second by Smith to accept and file the minutes for the 7/28/2021 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve the payments in the amount of \$146,802.70 and charges in the amount of \$115,930.52. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve a within fund transfer in the Road and Bridge Fund (2031) of \$24,249.00 from line 2031-330-360-0003 (Culvert Repair and Replacement) to line 2031-330-323-0000 (Repairs and Maintenance) to cover the repairs and maintenance work for the remainder of FY 2021. Motion carried 3-0.
- Discussion on creating a plan for the use of ARPA funds: More restrictions are being placed on the funds. We await the outcome of the final plan. A building inspector from the fire department may be able to use those funds, and possibly for plumbing for the new road storage building, also possible culvert.

TRUSTEES REPORTS:

- Carol Moore: attended budget hearing with Holly Mattei. Moore explained the budget process. She said the late Dave Cyphert would have been proud. Holly did an excellent job at the hearing.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator

- 2021 Floating Holiday Resolution:

Motion by Smith, second by Randles:

RESOLUTION #19-21

IN THE MATTER OF BLOOM TWP STAFF BEING AFFORDED A FLOATING HOLIDAY IN CONNECTION WITH JUNETEENTH, FOLLOWING FEDERAL AND STATE DECLARATION OF JUNETEENTH AS A HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, on June 17, President Joe Biden signed bipartisan legislation marking June 19, Juneteenth, a national holiday. The holiday commemorates the ending of slavery in the United States;

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio is also recognizing Juneteenth as a holiday; the Township received the Governor's announcement on the evening of June 17;

WHEREAS, Ohio Township Association issued a memo that states *based upon the actions of Governor DeWine, consistent with R.C. 325.19, Juneteenth is a holiday for township employees*; and due to the timing of the Juneteenth holiday, appointing authorities of a township office, department, commission, board or body may establish an alternative schedule for holidays consistent with R.C. 325.19(F);

WHEREAS, establishing an alternate schedule with a floating holiday (a holiday taken at a date prior to December 31, 2021);

WHEREAS, it was too late in the evening on June 17 to plan well to close offices the next day in honor of the holiday, and officials did not want to harm services to the public as many services were already scheduled; township offices are expected to be open on June 18;

WHEREAS, officials do want to commemorate the holiday, and multiple elected officials and boards have verbally or informally expressed support of this alternative approach;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bloom Township Board of Trustees, Fairfield County, State of Ohio:

The Board of Trustees approves a *floating holiday* for all non-union full time staff in honor of Juneteenth, with such holiday to be taken prior to December 31, 2021. Staff are provided a floating holiday in the number of hours they are normally scheduled to work in a regular day. These holiday hours will be approved by the employee's supervisor. Res passed 3-0.
Note: This new holiday is accounted for in the union agreement in Article 32, Section 32.1.

ROLL CALL: Moore: YES Randles: YES Smith: YES
Resolution Approved 3-0.

- Cyber add-on to our risk policy: OTARMA is requiring this for our policy.
- Caution on growth by Pros. Office: Josh Horacek attended a meeting for the Greenfield Twp Zoning Commission and cautioned that both Bloom and Greenfield should anticipate major growth within the next few years.
- RPC communications about Stone Hill: An email was sent to RPC and she spoke with the director about the wetlands issue at Stone Hill Estates. Steve Green also called James with Anne on the line. The engineer for Sands Decker which is overseeing the project for Stone Hill is claiming that we should have stated our concerns at the beginning of the process. Anne explained to RPC that we were notified very recently of the plan; therefore, our comments and concerns are now being expressed.
- Proclamation for Mitchell: Anne introduced Mitchell Pinsky who has now completed his internship for Bloom Twp. She complimented him for his hard work and read the following proclamation to him:

PROCLAMATION

Awarded to Mitchell Pinsky

Whereas; Mitchell assisted the Bloom Township Zoning Office administrative personnel for planning and zoning needs of the township;

Whereas; Mitchell took initiative to visit Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission to learn more about planning of subdivisions;

Whereas; Mitchell created a document to assist the Bloom Township Board Administrator in planning for future subdivision activities;

Whereas; Mitchell was instrumental in updating the Bloom Township Cemetery Records;

Whereas; Mitchell always showed enthusiasm and displayed a hard work ethic during the length of his internship at Bloom Township;

Whereas; Mitchell's attendance and punctuality was outstanding;

Whereas; Mitchell produced excellent videos for the Bloom Township Fire Department;

Whereas; Mitchell assisted the Fiscal Officer in creating a confidential document;

Therefore; be it resolved by the Bloom Township Board of Trustees; that we issue this proclamation on this day, August 11, 2021; and express our sincere gratitude for the work and attitude of Mitchell Pinsky during his internship with us.

- Health Department Information: Fairfield County is back in the red for COVID. She said with the death of the Bloom Twp Fiscal Officer due to COVID, we really need to take all precautions necessary for safety for members of the public, our staff, and our elected officials. She will continue to update the trustees regarding this topic.

- MORPC Safety Forum on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Let me know if you would like to attend.
- Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve the hiring of Sharon Norman for part-time administrative assistant in the zoning office pending successful completion of pre-employment drug screening and submission of employment documents as required by the Fiscal Officer at the rate of \$14 per hour up to 29 hours per week. Employment to commence after successful pre-employment drug screen. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Thomas Williams, Chief

- Discussion on a possible swearing in/badge pinning/service pin ceremony: is planned for the week preceding Memorial Day.
- New sign should be in soon. Delayed by aluminum shortage.
- No real increase recognized by Delta Variant.
- Bloom Twp FD to host open house during Honey Fest.
- Bill Carroll start date 8/11/2021.

ROAD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Steve Green, Road Department Supervisor

- Motion by Smith, second by Randles to accept a quote from Paul Peterson Company for the price of \$4,240 for re-doing 35 posts on Glenhurst Drive in the Heather Lakes subdivision and reattaching the existing double cable pending proof of Workers' Compensation coverage and liability insurance being submitted to the Fiscal Officer. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion by Randles, second by Smith to accept quote from Dura- Mark Company for the price of \$16,447.20 for restriping approx. 14 miles of centerline double yellow paint and approx. 2.6 miles of new striping throughout Bloom Township. List of roads will be provided. Also, cable pending proof of Workers' Compensation coverage and liability insurance being submitted to the Fiscal Officer. Motion carried 3-0.
 - Griffen Company - \$22,695.30
 - Ogelsby Company – Waiting on Quote
 - Paul Peterson Company - Say they won't be able to compete, price will be too high.
 - A and A Safety Company - Waiting on Quote
- Motion by Randles, second by Smith to request County Engineer to do speed study on Alspach Road between Amanda Northern and Rockmill Road. Motion carried 3-0. The study on Alspach between Amanda Northern Road and Pickerington Road was completed in the Spring and it showed a daily average of approx. 802 cars. They are going to re-do that area including from Pickerington Road south to Rockmill Road.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.