

BLOOM TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 12/12/18

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Carol Moore, Chair, called the meeting to order. Members present were Trustees Carol Moore, Brian Randles, Jason Smith; Fiscal Officer David Cyphert, department supervisors, and members of the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we paused for a Moment of Silence in honor of our Military serving throughout the world.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by David L. Cyphert, Fiscal Officer

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to receive and file minutes of 11/28/18 and 12/5/18 meetings.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Randles, second by Smith, to approve payments of \$14,044.26 and charges of \$106,339.92.

Motion carried 3-0.

TRUSTEE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Reports from Trustee Carol Moore

- Report on Annual Fairfield County OTA meeting: The guest entertainer/presenter and a county township elected official who serves as a FF Cty OTA officer offended many attendees with inappropriate comments and jokes. Heidi Fought, a state OTA officer presented valuable information on current State House Bills. H.B. 168 provides for a cemetery grant that will be available in 2019. She encouraged twps to apply so the grant will continue to be offered. H.B. 291 provides for twps to purchase insurance rather than purchase individual bonds for twp officials. OTARMA can be a source. Will begin to apply to elected officials running in 2019. H.B. 500 contains mandate for twps to elect Board Chair. No requirement currently.

- Discussion on status of guardrail for Bowling Green culvert project for 2019: Instructed Road Supervisor to work with County Asst. Engineer to develop alternatives/pricing for guardrails to see if we can use other than the standard steel.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Anne Darling-Cyphert, Board Administrator

-Meeting with Prosecutor's Office over Kauffman Road complaint is tomorrow at 9:30am.

-Update on repairs to Road Dept. Building: What is left to do includes replacing a board in the middle of ceiling on Friday, Electrical inspection Friday, insulation on Wednesday. Front door and shelving still to be installed, then final inspection.

-Update on medical insurance: All required documentation has been sent to our carrier and now we await our updated cards with a new group number. ID number will remain the same, and medical MasterCard will be re-loaded at the beginning of the year.

-Storage Building Contract: She asked if the trustees had finished proofing yet because the administrative office has not received anything from them. Trustees reported discrepancies and are concerned the contract supplied is the wrong one as it pertains to education, not township and the documents are not consistent. The administrator will discuss the matter tomorrow with the prosecutor.

-Discharge of Firearms in the township: She is seeking a response from them on who to refer them to if the township residents are concerned about gunshots.

-OTA Conference: She will register anyone who plans to attend if they let her know. Randles said he received the registration form in his magazine which was delivered to his home. The deadline to register without a late fee is 1/11/2019. After that, a late fee will apply.

-Zoning Violation corner of Lithopolis and Amanda Northern roads: will be referred to BZA for a possible variance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: by Terry Gill, Chief

-Monthly Reports were distributed.

-Station 552 Septic update: Still inspecting filter.

-MARCS radio grants: for 800 mghz radios. Costs nearly \$3000 a piece and fire departments are required to change to the new system. Radio signal must go from building to truck. Grant is being applied for through EMA. County will purchase two, but township will have to pay for 4 which is why they are hopeful for the grant to be approved. Fee for township will be \$2880 per year unless grant funding is successful.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Steve Green, Supervisor

-Status of Road Projects: Striping will be completed soon. A&A is marking the center of the roads. Crack-sealing is 2/3 done and everything looks good.

-Metro Parks tree removal: He earlier emailed trustees. At least 28 have been marked for removal including three very large ash trees. He heard the Parks Department may be closing Amanda-Northern for 2-3 days in January but that has not been confirmed. Metro Parks has not responded to our letter. Fire Chief expressed concern about road closure. Metro Parks will have to ask permission from us to shut down the road for 3 days which will likely not be granted by the township. Green was instructed to contact Metro Parks via phone for clarification.

-He is providing additional tickets for payment for summer road projects to Fairfield County.

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Executive Session 121.2A: Motion by Smith, second by Randles to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, discipline, promotion, and compensation of an employee and the investigation of charges or complaints against employee(s). Motion carried 3-0.

Following the executive session, the trustees returned to the regular business meeting.

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve a 2 percent increase of salary effective 1/1/2019 for township employees, excluding union and part-time firefighters and employees added to the payroll after OCT 1, 2018.

Also to approve a \$2,000 bonus for Terry Gill for serving as Project Manager for the new Road Department Barn, and a \$2,000 bonus for Anne Darling Cyphert for serving as Project Manager for the rehabilitation of the existing fire-damaged Road Barn/Office, and a \$2,000 bonus for Steven Green for his work on obtaining grants on behalf of the township thereby saving taxpayer dollars. These bonuses are to be paid in a separate check in January, 2019.

Motion carried 3-0.

The chair adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Certified by

David L. Cyphert, Fiscal Officer

Date: