

Township of Bloom
Monthly Board Meeting
April 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Morse called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Wayne Morse Jr
Supervisor Stuart Miller
Supervisor Jerry Crotsenberg
Clerk Shelly Schweiger
Treasurer Lora Hynek

Delegations or Citizens:

Earl Wallace Georgia Mommerts
Chris Stark, Bob Levy, Shawn Murphy-Lopez
Mary Miller, LaVerne Miller
Kathy Fanta, Lyle Morris
Nora Midlash, Patty Keefer

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW –**

1. The board was informed that the notice was posted in the three locations (West Lima, Bloom City and the Town Hall).

4. **REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA –** No Additions or Changes – Supervisor **Crotsenberg** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Miller. Motion carried unanimously

5. **Treasurer's Report –** Treasurer Lora Hynek dropped off reports to be reviewed with the following balances:

- a. General Checking and Cash on Hand \$9,156.53
- b. Money Market – General \$149,678.73
- c. Savings Account \$14,558.96
- d. Capital Reserve Fund - \$117,149.11
- e. Money Market – Tax \$88,148.14
- f. Accounts Receivable - \$1,990.00
- g. 3-CD's - \$75,000.00

Supervisor Miller made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented. Supervisor Crotsenberg seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0

6. **County Board Report -** Mary Miller - New Chair and Vice Chair and Financial Person, New Fair Person will be part time. Zoning will have a new person in May. Viola EMS tower Richland County Hwy Shop will

be putting a road around it. Nora asked about a road sign – Mary said that the road crew has been notified but it might take a few months to correct

7. **Patrolman Report** – Nothing new Earl said that we need to wait to do work on them until it dries out. Truck are being washed.
8. **Road and Bridges Report** –
 - a. **Peckham Lane Concrete** – Amish has not done anything with this to correct it and reflectors have been put up. Wayne said that the Township would need to remove. Stuart asked the question if we would need to contact a Judge to be able to implement this. Jerry said that he would like for the township to contact legal council to see where the township stands and what needs to be done. Stuart made a motion to table this until legal council is contacted on proper ways to handle this. Wayne will call the Towns Association for further guidance. Jerry seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0
9. **Delegations/Citizens to Address to Board** – Lyle Morris wanted to know if the township has a handbook for employees. Jerry stated that the handbook should give guidance for the employee and employer. Nora said that Jerry should contact the area townships to see what they have and copy it. Lyle wants to know if the board signs off on all of the patrolman's hours before checks are signed. Lyle wanted to know who gave Lora the authority to pay bills. Georgia Mommerts on Quail Lane said that she is also having issues with the patrolman's plowing into ditches.
10. **Set Next Meeting Date/Time:** May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
11. **Equipment – Maintenance Updates** – Back hoe is at 2700+ hours and maintenance has never been done and Wayne has picked up filters and the patrolman will be changing and updating maintenance. Wayne will make a chart for maintenance on equipment and patrolman will do the maintenance unless if it is something that needs to be done by a dealer for warranty purposes. Mary Miller wanted to know if Wayne was getting paid for all of his hours for the township.
12. **Garbage / Recycling Center** – Town Clean-up Pricing – Remove tires and Light Bulbs and all pricing the same as County (Wayne handed out sheet)
13. **Fire & EMS** –
 - a. Yuba – Mother's Day weekend benefit. Last Saturday they were paged out for 2 calls at the same time (Silver Alert and Grass Fire)
 - b. Richland Center – 11 new members wanted to sign up and increased the roster to 50. They have applied for more grants and they have applied for the Big Dig Grant to put black top around the fire station. New truck with high pressure pump and it was tested on a kitchen fire.
 - c. LaFarge – Nothing New
 - d. Kickapoo Rescue Squad – Nothing New
14. **Old Business** –
 - a. Web site update – Lora has emailed the company and she has not heard back. Lora has also contacted Woodward Media to see if they can get this rolling quicker.
 - b. Road Inspection – May 1, 2024 at 8:00 at the town shop.
 - c. Property Fraud Alert Sign Up – Wayne attended the meeting at the County and they have a website, that you can go to protect your property.
 - d. Open Book and Board of Review Dates – Will from Worth Services will not have the paper work completed until September or October. We will have to call a meeting to order and then postpone the meeting until September/October.
 - e. Porch Repairs – Mary and Gail have done porch painting and Mary and LaVerne have purchased blinds for the porch entry way. Door needs replaced. Eaves need new hangers and reinforcing.

15. New Business –

- a. Mowing Town Hall and West Lima Cemetery – Town hall will be mowed by Richard Merry; West Lima Cemetery ad will be put in the paper for bids.
- b. Election Report, any concerns for board to help with – Shelly gave a report on everyone's hours (Shelly has taken 7.75 hours of election training and has started a 6-hour course for the years 2024 and 2025). Chief Inspection has taken her training and we will have a second Chief Inspector doing training Chris White.
- c. Review Milestone Bid – Jerry made a motion to accept as a backup and seconded by Stuart and motion passed
- d. Discuss Possible Facebook page until website is live – we will pass on this option for now
- e. Computer DR's Training – 2-hour classes and \$40.00 per class and instructor is Marilyn Peckham. Jerry would like to make a motion that the Treasurer and/or Clerk could go to these as needed with notification to the Chairman. Stuart seconded the motion and motion carried.
- f. West Lima Cemetery Tree Clean-up and Sign – Patrolman have spent several hours cleaning up trees. Sign should be completed by KHS Tech Ed Department
- g. Use of donation from Driftless Music – Motion made by Jerry to use the donation will be used for Town Hall improvements, seconded by Stuart and motion carried

16. Approve and Pay Bills - Clerk Schweiger handed out the paid bills from the previous month and the current bills to be approved by the board. Supervisor Miller made the motion to pay the monthly bills with a 2nd from Supervisor Crotsenberg and the motion carried.

17. Adjournment - Motion was made by Supervisor Crotsenberg to adjourn the meeting 7:33 p.m. and it was seconded by Supervisor Miller, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Shelly Schweiger, Town Clerk