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Council member R. Dewey Hansen was sworn in by Mayor Ruoff at 7:00 p.m.

JOINT MEETING - BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES AND PENINSULA VILLAGE COUNCIL

Boston Township Officers present: Clerk Krusinski, Solicitor Pullikins.

Boston Township Trustees present: Bergdorf, Broderick, Schneider, Jr.

Peninsula Officers present: Mayor Ruoff, E. Lee Hagoner for Solicitor Cole, Clerk Rutledge.

Council Members present: Brunswick, Collins, Hansen, Haranis, Schneider, Tesser.

The joint meeting of the Boston Township Trustees and the Peninsula Village Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with Mayor Ruoff presiding.

Cemetery Board - election

Resolution #1218-1990 was offered by Bergdorf, seconded by Schneider, to have Douglas Anderson continue in another 3 year term as Clerk of the Cemetery Board. All vote aye: Bergdorf, Broderick, Schneider, Jr., Brunswick, Collins, Hansen, Haranis, Schneider, Tesser.

Bicycle Race

Ruoff asked the trustees if they had any concerns about the proposed district championship bicycle races. Concern was expressed about liability insurance. Craig Donaldson, Chairman of the Race Committee, also present, said that the United States Cycling Federation had a \$1,000,000 liability policy upon which they will name Peninsula Village and Boston Township.

Richfield Township Trustees are to consider whether or not to allow part of the race course to be in Richfield this following Monday. If not, there is a course that could be run entirely in Boston Township and Peninsula Village.

Donaldson said that he had talked with Anderson about rescue, but that he had not yet talked to Tesser and Chief Kruty about traffic control. Boston Mills Ski Area has agreed to allow parking there.

The race committee intends to make a \$2 donation to the Quarry (Boston Township Community Service League) for each entry in the April 29 preliminary race.

Ruoff asked if we needed a joint resolution of approval. Schneider, Jr. said that he had wanted to discuss the race at a joint meeting to make sure that everyone agreed.

Anderson, also present, said that he had made no promises, because the Fire Board had not met since he spoke with Donaldson. They will be meeting the following Monday. Donaldson said that the most serious cycling injury was usually a broken collar bone. Most injuries were surface abrasions. The rider would be responsible for paying for a transport. Pullikins said that anyone transported must sign a waiver and that the Valley Fire Board must be named on the waiver.

Donaldson said that the times for the races were from about 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 29th and from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on June 10th for the district championship. Both days will be Sundays. There is a critical play-off which may be scheduled on April 29th at the Coliseum and the committee is still waiting for the Coliseum's approval.

There will be race marshals and police hired where necessary. Ruoff asked if there were any problems.

Resolution #1219-1990 was offered by Tesser, seconded by Broderick, to allow and approve the bicycle race to be sponsored by the Summit Freewheeler Racing Club on April 29, 1990 and June 10, 1990. Donaldson said that there would be a mailing to advise residents of the race. Hansen said that the Community News might be the best way to inform the residents. Voting aye on Resolution #1219-1990: Bergdorf, Broderick, Schneider, Jr., Brunswick, Collins, Hansen, Haranis, Schneider, Tesser.

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Donaldson requested that the Trustees, Council Members, and Mayor attend the awards ceremony.

Police

Ruoff said that the village had proposed a \$214,138 budget for 1990. The 1989 budget had been \$204,000 and the village exceeded that amount by about \$1,900. Since the township agreed to pay \$102,000, the village will pay the excess. Ruoff asked if there was any discussion.

Broderick said that the Trustees at their last meeting had agreed to pay the village \$107,069 for police protection in 1990.

Schneider, Jr. said that there is a question about the dispatch cost. Tesner said that there is no way that we can pay that kind of a bill with two weeks notice. Ruoff said that he also thought that \$24,500 was an excessive amount for the service that we get. Chief Kruty has been looking into other options. Richfield and Macedonia are other possibilities. The cost should be less than half, about \$10,000.

Ruoff said that residents of the township and village pay taxes to the county and should not have to pay for this service.

Schneider, Jr. said that we should not have received a bill in the first place. We should have preplanned better. Tesner said that we got a letter, not a bill. Schneider, Jr. said that everyone got the same letter. Clinton, Lakemore, and some place else received a letter about charging for dispatch.

Bergdorf asked where the Police Department is headed.

Ruoff said that he would like to see a three-year contract so that the policemen don't have to worry each year about whether or not they will have a job.

It would be possible to acquire new cars with a longer term plan. The plan is to buy a new cruiser in 1991. This year we will get rid of three vehicles, two which aren't being used and one to be replaced by a used vehicle. The chief would like to buy a new cruiser in 1990, but we still have one more payment on the radios.

Ruoff said that he had written a letter to the Coliseum requesting that they pay for the use of the cruiser as well as paying the men. Bergdorf and Broderick had asked him to write. The Coliseum does pay other departments for cruisers, but ours are stationary although Richfield is paid for one stationary cruiser at Brush Road. Krusinski said that other communities get paid and that we should, too.

Rutledge said that she thought that we had a three-year police contract. Pallekins said that there had been a modification last year so that we could avoid conflicts over the day-to-day operations. Hopefully, with the bill being considered by the Ohio Legislature, we could set up a joint police district so that the township could become more active.

Krusinski said that the policemen had been doing a fabulous job. Their increased exposure in the township is to be commended.

Ruoff said that the police would like to write more tickets in the township, but with the 55 mph speed limits, it is hard to catch anyone. The roads have to have different markings.

Krusinski said that there is legislation pending that would allow townships to determine speed limits. Schneider, Jr. said that the trustees had taken proposals of load limits on various roads and a "stop sign" at Boston Mills to county council, but they had not acted on them.

Fire Board

Ruoff said that the village's share of the Fire budget is a considerable change for this year. The village's share has increased from 40% to 45%, an increase of about \$7,000. Ruoff said that he didn't think that the jump in percentage was right. It is not justified.

Pallekins said that the Fire Board has been working hard during the past year. They've tackled difficult problems in an orderly fashion. They've been watching costs and the men are merging in new directions.

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Of the 60 hours that the Board met, 48 of them were spent on finance. The concerns of the village are also the concerns of the township. The Fire Board looked at other means of financing the department. There is the potential of a fire operating levy.

The current equipment levy has been used to refurbish some of the equipment and to buy a new squad. The board is now looking at the question of whether too much was levied for equipment. It's been a joint effort between the Fire Board members and the firemen. Morhouse, Hansen, and Schneider, Jr. have been looking at the cost of running the equipment.

The township is looking at finances 10 years from now. At the current rate of expenditure, in 10 years the situation will be turned around and the township will not have any money. With the purchase of park property, the tax base will be down. By using a levy to finance the Fire District, the pressure will be taken from the village and township. The village and township could then be used as a back-up in the case of an emergency.

Fire and rescue equipment is now being maintained and the new squad is supposed to last 20 years.

Ruoff said that the Fire Board needs to be congratulated with the way they handled the selection of a chief and for their work on the budget.

This is the last year of a three year contract. The village is asking that the arrangement remain as it had in the past with the traditional 40%-60% split.

Pullekins said that we are all trying to make the determination.

Schneider, Jr. said there had been a time in the past when the township spent 70%. Ruoff said that the village budgetted on a 40%-60% basis.

Schneider, Jr. said that the township had once spent 70%. With the decline in the township's population, the village will have to expect to pay a larger share of the fire budget.

Ruoff said that 40%-60% was in the budget. Schneider, Jr. said that the increase will probably not be as bad as you might think. There have been 10 chargeable calls already this year. At \$400 per call, that could add up although we don't know what the collection rate will be yet.

Schneider, Jr. said that the Fire Board operating Budget is \$137,460 for 1990 and there will be a credit. The board will have the figure after next Monday's meeting. Some of the money not spent will be returned.

Broderick said that since the Valley Fire District was formed in 1983, the village has spent \$107,489 while the township spent 490,883. The township bought a new tanker with no money from the village, the township bought a new fire truck with no money from the village, the township bought a new rescue squad with no money from the village.

In the original contract forming the Fire District, the township was to pay \$12,000 and the village \$8,000 to support the district until a fire levy could be passed. Broderick said that he has been saying for years that there should be an operating levy for the Fire District.

Schneider, Jr. said that they are looking at a levy, but there are still some important issues that the board has to address. How would a catastrophe be financed? How much should be held over each year for operation and to finance the replacement of equipment? Right now we have a new squad and the tanker's been refurbished. The people voted for the equipment levy and Schneider, Jr. said that to him that meant that they wanted the availability of two squads. We don't want to leave people without a means of transport because we are charging someone who lives outside of the community. The second squad will cost less than \$5,000 to fully equip and there would be less benefit to sell it.

Schneider, Jr. said that he thought that we should keep the Suburban. It costs about \$1,000 per year to operate and we would lose more than we invested to sell it. The firemen did the body work that needed to be done on it.

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Schneider, Jr. said that he would like to discuss how collections would be handled for the Fire Board. The board would like to be charged for Hurlbacher's time even when she answers the phone. No one could then say that they are getting something for nothing. Hansen said that at his plant, they do job costing where each category of work has a letter and each person records the time he spends doing each category of work. Rutledge said that Hurlbacher is already doing that and that there would be no problem adding another category.

Charles Riedel, the new Chief, also present, was introduced by Schneider.

Krusinski said that he thought that the Firemen should be commended for the excellent job that they are doing. Ruoff said that he agreed. The budget conflicts have to worked by the people who do the budgetting, but that does not detract from the work that the firemen are doing.

Garbage Pick-up

Bergdorf said that there are communities around us with lesser rates for garbage pick-up, but they have larger populations. He wondered if we could get a lesser rate if we combined our communities for a bid. Ruoff said that council had talked about garbage at the last meeting. Since then, Ruoff had talked with Kovach who said that one of the village problems is scattaration. In Boston Heights, pick-up is easier, because the houses are more concentrated.

Kovach said that if we would be willing to restrict pick-up to two bags per week, Kovach would be able to gauge how many trucks to send. Haranis said that all you would have to do is drive on Riverview on garbage day and you would see more than two bags per household.

Schneider, Jr. said that the township is currently paying \$6,515 per month for pick-up and that they may have to pay an additional surcharge. Ruoff said that residents might like a two bag pick-up if the village would pick up the cost.

Tesser said that the Cuyahoga Falls costs will go up to \$10.49 per month with recycling.

Schneider, Jr. said that a company called Immediate Pick-up had submitted a late bid to the township. They claimed that as long as the community did not have to have all of their garbage picked up on the same day, it could cost less.

Ruoff said that he would be willing to work informally with Bergdorf to see if anything could be gained by a joint bid.

Schneider, Jr. said that when we both were having Valley going the pick-up, there had been less mileage. When we started having different companies, the cost had gone up.

Ruoff said that he had called BFI which services Richfield, but they didn't want to talk to us.

Cable TV

Ruoff said that both communities have been contacted about cable TV, but the companies are not interested in us. He had followed up about a year ago and they were still not interested. The cable companies have divided up the county among themselves and Warner will not come in. Ruoff said that it sounded like collusion to him.

Ruoff said that perhaps if there were a larger territory, the company might look at us again. They say that there was a survey done of the residents and the interest wasn't here. He said that he couldn't remember a survey. Carol Haranis, also present, said that she remembered a post card 6 or 7 years ago asking about cable. Ruoff said that maybe that was the survey. Schneider, Jr. said that they were willing to look at a condensed area, but then only certain residents would get the service.

Nick DeNardi, also present, said that he had a satellite dish for the residents of Mobile Manor. Schneider, Jr. said that he had asked if they could go straight down Route #303 5 or 6 years ago.

Ruoff asked if anyone had had a request recently for cable. Collins and Schneider said yes. Tesser said that she had

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had two residents jump all over her since she had not gotten cable in the village after her election.

Bergdorf said maybe cable TV is like trash, a larger area is more attractive to bidders.

Ruoff said that maybe there ought to be a survey in the Community News asking how many residents are interested in cable. Schneider, Jr. said that that is a good idea, but there ought to be several places to return the survey, such as, the library, post office, and village hall. Ruoff and Bergdorf agreed to look further into a joint effort for cable TV.

Ruoff asked if there was any further business. Schneider, Jr. said that the next Fire Board meeting was to be on Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Bergdorf said that we ought to have more joint meetings, if we can, so that we can talk over things of common interest and to squelch rumors. Collins said that that is a great idea. Tesser agreed. Haranis said that we should do it. Resolution

#1220-1990 was offered by Bergdorf, seconded by Haranis, for the Peninsula Village Council and the Boston Township Trustees to meet on at least a semi-annual basis in January and June. All vote aye: Bergdorf, Broderick, Schneider, Jr., Brunswick, Collins, Hansen, Haranis, Schneider, Tesser.

A motion to adjourn was made by Schneider, Jr., seconded by Schneider, at 8:42 p.m. All vote aye.