

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 29, 1988

THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES was called to order by Chairman Daniel Schneider, Jr. Present: Daniel Schneider, Jr., George Fisher, Jr., Randolph Bergdorf and Clerk, Longina Morgan.

The first item of business was a motion by Bergdorf seconded by Schneider to approve the Minutes of the following meetings of the Trustees as reviewed by the Trustees:

Minutes of March 1, 1988;
Minutes of March 2, 1988;
Minutes of March 11, 1988;
Minutes of March 15, 1988.

Voting yes: Schneider, Fisher, Bergdorf. The Minutes, as signed, were given to Clerk, Longina Morgan, to be included in the record books.

Dan Schneider, Jr. distributed to the Trustees the police financial report forwarded to the Trustees by the Village of Peninsula. The report is to be reviewed by each of the Trustees and if any problems exist, they will be discussed at the next meeting.

Longina Morgan advised that she has been contacted by the Board of Elections requesting that they be allowed to use the town hall on May 3, 1988, for the purposes of the primary election. Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Schneider to allow the Summit County Board of Elections to use the Boston Township Town Hall on May 3, 1988, for primary elections. Voting yes: Fisher, Schneider, Bergdorf. The fire department will be duly notified so that they may provide proper security for the building.

Longina Morgan indicated that she has received correspondence from the Summit County Engineer's office relative to the survey work being conducted on Oak Hill. The Trustees also received a copy of the correspondence.

Longina Morgan also received a letter from the Summit County Health Department, and the County, indicating that the health budget for 1988 is \$4,833.00. She will duly note this figure on the financial records of the township.

Longina Morgan indicated that she received information from the County relative to the upcoming clean-up day. It was decided among the Trustees not to participate in the clean-up day inasmuch as these events have caused problems in the Township in the past. It was noted that the township does have trash pick-up on a regular basis.

Longina Morgan further indicated that inasmuch as this is her last meeting as Township Clerk, she has obtained the necessary signature bank cards from the First National Bank, Hudson branch, to transfer her name off of the Township accounts. These cards will be delivered to the new Clerk, John Krusinski.

Motion by Schneider seconded by Bergdorf to pay the bills as presented and the payroll, as presented. Voting yes:

Schneider, Bergdorf, Fisher.

Legal counsel, Edward C. Pullekens, indicated that he has been in discussion with Seibert Keck Insurance Agency, Dick Staiger, relative to the various policies held by the township. Also, the parking lot situation, and the town hall insurance situation was discussed. Mr. Staiger indicated that he is willing to work with the Trustees in order to discuss all of the policies with the Township. A tentative meeting is set for Wednesday, April 6, 1988, at 9:00 A.M. This will be confirmed with Mr. Staiger and the Trustees.

Legal counsel, Edward C. Pullekens, made a statement thanking Longina Morgan for her help and assistance over the years as township clerk. Mr. Pullekens commended Ms. Morgan for her diligent work on the maintenance of the township books in spite of severe physical and health problems. George Fisher, Jr., Randolph Bergdorf and Dan Schneider, Jr. also commended Longina Morgan for her years of service under their tenure. New clerk, John Krusinski will assume the duties of Clerk as of April 1, 1988. Mrs. Morgan thanked everyone for their help and indicated that she will turn over the books and have them delivered to the town hall within the next few days. She further indicated that the State Auditor has been in contact with her. She will be meeting with the State Auditor on March 30, 1988. They will conduct the bi-annual audit. She will keep the Trustees advised.

Regarding the town hall buildings, Trustee Bergdorf indicated that he has received no further information from the post office relative to their intentions. The State Fire Marshall has been contacted by the fire department asking that the Fire Marshall inspect the buildings and update their last report. Mr. Pullekens did review the insurance situation, as he knew it. The town hall buildings will be discussed at the next meeting in more detail.

Dan Schneider, Jr. stated that upon his review of the equipment used by the road department, it was initially determined that the township could avoid contracting out various work, if it purchased a roller and a berming machine. Mr. Schneider advised that the berms of the township are in disrepair. He feels that the township crew could repair the same without contracting the job to a private company. Motion by Schneider seconded by Bergdorf that the township advertise for bids for a road roller and a berming machine. Voting yes: Bergdorf, Schneider, Fisher. The ads will be opened on Monday, April 18, 1988, at 7:00 P.M. at the library. Bids shall be sealed and awarded to the lowest and best bidder. The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids. The Monday, April 18 meeting will be a special meeting of the Trustees.

Motion by Schneider seconded by Bergdorf that the township purchase a new mower, model 74 Rear Mounted mower, for township use at a price not to exceed \$2,300. Voting yes: Bergdorf, Schneider, Fisher.

Dan Schneider, Jr. indicated that he is still exploring the possibility of constructing a fence around the township buildings as it relates to the abutting properties. It was discussed that the township do the work on their own, without contracting out the work. Trustee Schneider is

reviewing this matter and the zoning matter. This will be discussed at a later date.

Dan Schneider stated that he and Trustee Bergdorf met with Doug Anderson relative to a review of the town hall buildings and other structures to determine the township's need for storage space for its equipment. This should be a priority inasmuch as the township has invested large sums of money in new equipment over the last few years. The equipment must be preserved. A report will be forthcoming from Doug Anderson, Randolph Bergdorf and/or Dan Schneider relative to the present requirements and future needs.

Motion by Fisher seconded by Schneider that the shrubs around the town hall building be removed as they have become overgrown. Voting yes: Bergdorf, Schneider, Fisher. It is anticipated that a new landscaping plan will be put out for bid concerning the town hall property.

Dan Schneider indicated that he would like to open for discussion the proposal by the Village of Peninsula that the Resolution creating the joint fire district be amended to create a 5 member fire board to run the fire district, instead of the current 3 member board. Motion by Schneider that the number of members of the Valley Fire District Board of Trustees be maintained at 3 members and not increased to 5 members. This motion was seconded by Trustee Fisher.

There was lengthy discussion following this motion, and seconding of the same, on the floor. Dan Schneider, Jr. indicated that he has not heard any reason why there should be an increase in the number of members on the Fire Board. The Board of Trustees has been running for years as a 3 member Board with little or no problem. He also questioned whether there were enough willing citizens to serve on a 5 members Board. Trustee Schneider stated that he has attempted to remain open-minded relative to the same, but has not been persuaded by any viable argument that a 5 member Board would be more beneficial to the fire district. Mr. Bergdorf indicated that he did not feel capable of making a decision relative to a 3 member vs. 5 member Board at this time inasmuch as he is a new township trustee. He indicated that he has been reviewing the pros and cons of each of the proponents of the various boards. He has made no decision and will abstain from any vote at this time. Mr. Fisher felt that a 3 member Board is worthwhile. If a problem exists, it may be caused by the individuals on the board. If he is considered the problem, he would be willing to resign from the Board of the Valley Fire District. However, Mr. Fisher indicated that the Village representative should also resign and two new members be appointed to represent the Village and Township. Various members of the public expressed their feelings relative to a 3 member vs. a 5 member Board. The consensus of the Board is that a 3 member Board is a viable size Board. However, a few of the citizens indicated that the morale of the Fire Department appears to be low and that the Board should work together to improve the morale and provide the basic fire fighting and rescue necessities for the fire and rescue squad members. Voting on the proposal submitted by Trustee Schneider to keep the Valley Fire District Board at 3 members was as follows: Voting yes to keep the Board at 3 members--Schneider, Fisher. Abstaining--Bergdorf.

George Fisher, Jr. indicated that he received a letter

from Patty Tessmer from the Village Council concerning the manner of voting by the Valley Fire District Board. Apparently, there was some confusion and misunderstanding relative to how the Board votes and breaks ties. According to George Fisher, Jr., he has been advised by the Clerk of the Valley Fire District that over the last four years, only four votes have been passed by a two to one margin. The rest of the votes have been unanimous. A copy of the findings of the Valley Fire District Clerk will be forwarded to Patty Tessmer for her review.

Daniel Schneider, Jr. indicated that upon the reading of the Village's last Minutes, it was noted that the Village refused to pay their share of the fire contract until such time as the fire board signs the contract. The contract was presented to the fire board but was referred to Village Council. The Trustees signed the contract some time ago. Trustee Schneider noted that if, in fact, the contract is not entered into, it was agreed in last year's contract that if a new contract is not entered into, the contracting parties would proceed on a month to month basis pursuant to the old contract. Bills should be paid on time.

Trustee George Fisher, Jr. gave a report on the fire district's last meeting concerning what has transpired. It was suggested that the Trustees attend the next Fire Board meeting to see the workings of the Board and to ask any questions they may have of the Board. It was stressed that all of the various proposals for improvement of the Board should be cost effective and be cognizant of the liability protection provided the men in their official duties as fire and rescue volunteers.

Dick Shuller, a new fireman, addressed the township trustees and indicated what his observations are relative to the fire department. He stressed that the morale should be improved and more opportunities be given to the younger members of the fire district to increase their enthusiasm. The Trustees noted the comments of Mr. Shuller and indicated that they will attempt to attend the next Fire Board meeting.

Trustees Bergdorf indicated that the Demchecks who live on Woodland contacted him relative to the flooding of their property. This matter was discussed by the Trustees. It appears that the problem is one that originated on the Demcheck property and is not a township problem at this time. Mr. Bergdorf will review the matter further and refer it to Doug Anderson if further corrective action is necessary.

Trustee Schneider stated that Doug Anderson indicated that the roof in the town hall is leaking. This matter will be reviewed and corrected immediately.

Motion by Fisher seconded by Bergdorf to adjourn. Meeting duly adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

DEPUTY CLERK