

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING
BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MARCH 11, 1988

THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE LIBRARY.
Present: Trustee Daniel Schneider, Jr., George Fisher, Jr.,
Randolph Bergdorf. Absent: Clerk Longina Morgan.

The purpose of this meeting, for which the Beacon Journal was notified by telephone, was to discuss the recent proposals concerning the township town hall and town hall office buildings. The Trustees discussed their efforts over the last two years relative to the continuing efforts to upgrade and repair the town hall and office building (old wooden school building). The prior attempts to renovate the buildings were discussed.

Randolph Bergdorf indicated that the U.S. postal service is interested in renting part of the space. The Ohio Township Handbook issued by the Bureau Of Inspection And Supervision Of Public Office, Thomas E. Ferguson, Auditor of State, was reviewed in this regard. Basically, it appears that a township may rent, for a charge, any portion of the town hall not needed for township purposes. However, there is a question as to what insurance coverage can be obtained if, in fact, an outside group rents the town hall and whether the cost would be feasible pursuant to law and prior opinions by the auditor's office. It was agreed that the clarifications would have to be received from the auditor's office as well as the prosecuting attorney of Summit County, Ohio, before further steps are taken relative to the building.

Regarding upgrading the building, Trustee Bergdorf distributed estimates for the cost of renovating the basic mechanical systems and the first floor to accommodate a tenant, namely, the post office. Basically, the cost estimates are approximately \$65,000. Attached hereto are copies of the estimates received and a proposal for renovation submitted by the U.S. Postal Service.

Trustee Daniel Schneider, Jr. felt that if any renovation is done, the bottom section of the town hall building should be converted and renovated to accommodate a meeting room and various offices for the town hall. Possibly, accommodations can also be made for restrooms and showers for the fire department. There was discussion regarding the renovation of the third floor of the brick building. It was the consensus of the Trustees that the major problem is the renovation of the wood building. There is much sentiment within the township regarding the wooden building. Also, it has historical significance. However, the renovations would be costly, and the potential uses of the building by the township for township purposes would be questionable. Also, due to the nature of the building, namely, wood structure, the ability to fireproof the building is not extremely feasible.

Trustee Bergdorf feels that we should pursue the matter of the renovations of the buildings. All the Trustees agreed that they should take a serious look at the entire renovation process. It was suggested that possibly the brick building could be repaired and the wood building be

stabilized for potential future renovation by an outside group or others interested therein. Each of the Trustees feels that renovations are necessary and the matter should proceed within the confines of budgetary restraints and the useability of the buildings.

Trustees discussed the steps to be taken in analyzing the renovations. The first item discussed was the necessity of having the fire marshall reinspect the buildings to determine the current state of the buildings as it relates to the Ohio Fire Codes and the Summit County Building Codes. The last inspection was a few years ago and the Trustees question whether the study is up-to-date. The Trustees do not want to pursue the matter to the point where they are not correcting the needed items.

Randolph Bergdorf indicated that a township in Thurman, Ohio, located near Chillicothe, has previously entered into an agreement with the post office regarding the use of a town hall and town hall buildings. Mr. Bergdorf and Mr. Pullekens will attempt to gather further information relative to the same.

Next, the Trustees asked legal counsel, Edward C. Pullekens, to contact the insurance company to determine the insurability of the buildings if, in fact, a partial renovation is completed as well as a total renovation. A meeting with the insurance representative for the township or other insurance representative could be arranged in order to review the entire matter.

Each of the Trustees again expressed their opinion that this was the time to pursue the matter of the buildings. Randolph Bergdorf indicated that he will follow through with the post office and the other matters as Chairman of the Committee for the renovation of the buildings, on behalf of the Trustees.

Legal counsel, Edward C. Pullekens, indicated that his office has been in contact with Poly Systems relative to Oak Hill Road. The secretary for Poly Systems advised that the Contract previously prepared by the township and forwarded to Poly Systems has not been signed as of this date. Apparently, it is still on the desk of the President of Poly Systems. Mr. Pullekens will write a letter to Poly Systems relative to the same.

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

CHAIRMAN

CLERK