

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 1988

This Special Meeting of the Boston Township Board of Trustees was called to order at the town hall. Present: Trustees Schneider, Bergdorf, Fisher. Meeting was called to order by Daniel Schneider, Jr.

The Akron Beacon Journal was duly advised of this meeting at least twenty-four hours in advance.

This Special Meeting was called to order regarding the United States Postal Service wanting to move out of Peninsula. The postal service has expressed interest in renting some of the township office buildings. Trustee Randolph Bergdorf has been in contact with various officials of the postal service who have expressed interest.

Trustee Bergdorf indicated that during the last week he met with a Larry Fiedler and Milton Smith from the U.S. Postal Service relative to the possibility of the postal service renting property owned by the township for the purposes of relocating the Peninsula Post Office.

Trustee Bergdorf advised that the post office seemed quite interested in leasing part of the township office buildings. However, the post office has not given any specifics relative to space needed or price to be paid for said space. Trustee George Fisher, Jr. indicated that it was his opinion that before entering into any discussions or negotiations with the post office, we would like to know exactly what they are interested in relative to space and what they are willing to pay. He did not feel that we should get in a position where the township would obligate itself to expend more monies than would be received in return for the renovated space. It was his feeling that the general consensus of the public that the federal government and/or postal service should not be subsidized by the township.

Trustee Daniel Schneider agreed with Mr. Fisher to the extent that he did not believe that the post office should not be subsidized by the township. Also, the question of liability insurance was brought up by Schneider relative to whether the post office would provide adequate coverage to protect the township in case of any litigation.

Trustee Bergdorf indicated that he felt that it would be in the best interest of the township to follow through with the discussions and negotiations with the post office. It was his feeling that it would be a service to the community to have the post office remain within Peninsula. Further, this may be an opportunity utilize unused township space.

Legal counsel Edward C. Pullekens indicated that it is crucial that a formal understanding, in writing, be negotiated before the post office occupies township property. Further, the matter of insurance must be resolved prior to any use or occupancy. Mr. Pullekens indicated that he would be willing to meet with the post office should they wish to after doing a feasibility study.

Trustee Bergdorf indicated that the architect for the post

office would be at the township on Monday, January 25, 1988, to review the buildings and draw the basic needs. Mr. Bergdorf also stated that the post office wanted to lease part of the township parking lot to place a trailer to act as a temporary post office. Mr. Pullekens indicated that before any of the property of the township is used, we must have an exact understanding, in writing, with the postal service as well as the proper insurance in place. Mr. Bergdorf indicated that Larry Fiedler of the postal service will be in contact with him on Tuesday January 26, to discuss the situation. A conference call will be held between Mr. Fiedler, Edward Pullekens-legal counsel, and Trustee Bergdorf in order to discuss the intent of the post office.

In summary, the consensus of the Trustees is that they will be willing to listen to any proposals made by the postal service. However, any leasing must be done in conformity with the authorities granted the trustees pursuant to Ohio Revised Code. Also, the Trustees do not want to get involved in any situation where they would act in contradiction to any private business property owners in Peninsula. There was discussion as to whether or not the actions of the post office was a ploy in order to allow the postal service to have a better bargaining position with various private landowners with whom they are negotiating for space. The Trustees do not wish to get involved in this type of discussion were this the case.

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Motion by Fisher seconded by Schneider. Voting yes:
Schneider, Bergdorf, Fisher. Meeting duly adjourned.

CLERK

CHAIRMAN