

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
BOSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1988

T This regular meeting of the Boston Township Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chairman of the Boston Township Board of Trustees, Daniel Schneider, Jr. In attendance at the meeting were Trustees Daniel Schneider, Jr., George Fisher, Jr. and Randolph S. Bergdorf. Absent was Clerk Longina Morgan.

The Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on January 2, 1988, were given to each of the Trustees. They will be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting.

11782-17 The Trustees reviewed the payroll of the Township Road Department as submitted. Motion by Fisher seconded by Schneider that the payroll be paid as submitted. Voting yes: Schneider, Fisher, Bergdorf.

T The Oak Hill situation was reviewed. In attendance at the meeting were numerous residents of Oak Hill. Trustee Schneider summarized what had transpired in the latter part of December 1987 regarding the various meetings held with the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (National Park Service), John David Jones & Associates, Summit County Engineer, and Oak Hill residents. He further stated that at a meeting held on December 23, 1987, at the offices of John David Jones & Associates residents of Oak Hill indicated that they did not feel that John David Jones was doing a proper review of the situation. They felt that an additional engineer should review the work of John David Jones and continue doing a study for possible solutions including installation of pilings in the area. Trustee Schneider indicated that he had discussed the matter with John David Jones and they have no problem with allowing another engineering firm to review their work and complete any requested studies.

Trustee Schneider indicated that the Trustees were of the opinion that an Invitation To Bid should be submitted to the various engineering firms in order to obtain a cost estimate as to the charge for any additional studies. The Invitation To Bid would be similar to the one used earlier by the Trustees, without requiring the need for additional or new soil borings or the repetition of any tests done by John David Jones & Associates and/or their subcontractors. Trustee Schneider indicated that he had received a list from Robert Gioia, a resident of Boston Township, relative to four engineering firms which Mr. Gioia felt could and would give an honest appraisal of the matter. Trustee Schneider indicated that these firms would be contacted. In fact, one of the firms contacted him on New Years Eve relative to the matter.

11782-20 Motion by Schneider seconded by Fisher that Invitations To Bid be prepared relative to the additional studies required for the Oak Hill situation. Voting yes: Schneider, Fisher, Bergdorf.

There was further discussion on the Oak Hill situation.

Resident Martin Griffith asked exactly what the Invitation To Bid would request. Briefly, the Trustees want to ensure that the proper safety standards as set by the Summit County Engineer's would be followed. They would specifically relative to the piling method of repair. It is crucial that any repairs be done within the right of way. The problem with the prior study is that the National Park Service would not give the appropriate approvals to go outside the right-of-way on their property to do the repairs. However, the Trustees did stress that they are continuing to work with the National Park Service to obtain the necessary approvals. However, these approvals will take a minimum of six months to one year. In the meantime, the Invitation To Bids is an attempt to determine if the work can be done within the right-of-way at a reasonable cost.

Trustee Schneider stressed that the cost factor of the project is important to him. That is, if the cost is excessive, it is his opinion that the matter would have to be further reviewed by the Trustees before any work would be done.

Further, Daniel Schneider, Jr. indicated that he had talked to Trustee Randolph Bergdorf relative to this situation and had briefed him on the same. It was the opinion of Mr. Bergdorf, and the other Trustees agreed, that a fact sheet would be prepared in the near future indicating the pros and cons as it relates to the repair of Oak Hill. The heading will state that Oak Hill should be repaired. However, in order to adequately and intelligently inform the residents of the Township of the situation, and the various factors that the Trustees must consider in making any decision, it was felt that an informative and accurate fact sheet would be prepared.

Martin Griffith, speaking for himself and many of the other residents on Oak Hill, stated that he was pleased with the decision of the Trustees to proceed in obtaining an additional engineering firm to review the situation. His prior experience shows that engineering firms can differ drastically in their studies and conclusions. Further, Mr. Griffith indicated that in his numerous discussions with Bob Gioia who has been assisting him on Oak Hill, Mr. Gioia was of the opinion that, on the whole, the Township roads were in excellent condition considering the limited man power and equipment of the Township. Attorney Ed Pullekens indicated to Mr. Griffith that prior to the Invitation To Bid being submitted to the various engineering firms, he would like Mr. Gioia, Mr. Griffith, or other representative of Oak Hill to review the same in order to determine if any additional information should be included. The Trustees will also review the same prior to submitting the Invitation To Bid to the various contractors. Mr. Pullekens will have the Invitation To Bid prepared by Thursday, January 7, 1988, and upon the appropriate approvals, they can be mailed by Friday, January 8, 1988. The Trustees ask that the bids be returned at the meeting on January 20, 1988. There is no need to advertise the bids in the Beacon Journal inasmuch as this is for professional services.

At this time, the Oak Hill residents left the meeting.

Doug Anderson, Road Superintendent, gave the yearly report indicating what he hopes to achieve in the coming year. The basic chip and seal surfaces of the road are

currently in good condition and only routine maintenance will be required. The other seal coated surfaces need to be treated as usual. The biggest project for the year will be reconstructing, maintenance, and improving the berms and ditches of the township. There are a couple of areas where the road will have to be widened, although these will not be major endeavors. Attached is a copy of the proposed Road Budget for 1988.

Douglas Anderson is gathering assets of the road department which are no longer used with the possibility of having an auction, properly advertised, to sell the equipment so that newer equipment can be purchased. He also suggested to the Trustees that a procedure be established for the replacement of the vehicles of the township. He suggested that possibly a program, such as 80,000 miles or 10 years be adopted to replace the vehicles. The Trustees will look into this at a later date.

There was discussion by Trustee Schneider relative to the Keenan Road problem. Water is not properly draining off Route 8, the swamp is filling causing failure of the drains in the area. The road department will look into who to contact in this regard.

An increase in the wages for the road department was discussed. This discussion was continued from the organizational meeting held on January 2, 1988. The Trustees went into executive session to discuss wages.

After executive session, Trustee Schneider made a motion, seconded by Bergdorf that all township employees be awarded a 10% across the board wage increases rounded off to the nearest cent, effective January 1, 1988. Voting yes: Fisher, Schneider, Bergdorf. The rationale of the Trustees is that the road department has been underpaid and this increase amounts to an adjustment of the prior underpayments as well as a cost of living increase. It was also the consensus of the Trustees that Daniel Schneider, Jr. will conduct a study to determine what other road superintendents and other road departments pay their employees, based upon areas of similar mileage and budgets. The Trustees made it clear that, if in fact the raise causes the road department to be in a comparatively higher bracket, it will be reflected in the next yearly review of wages and may possible affect any future raises. If the road department is being underpaid, there is a possibility that additional adjustments will be made.

Douglas Anderson, representing the road department, indicated that he understood the rationale behind the wages and the fact that a study would be done to determine the average pay of workers in other road departments. He also indicated that he understood that future increases in wages will be dictated upon setting a standard base pay by the Township Trustees, subject to cost of living increases. The Trustees hope to establish a policy of continuity in a rationale means in the granting of pay raises.

The Trustees discussed the upcoming joint meeting with the Village of Peninsula to be held on Monday, January 11, 1988. George Fisher indicated that the new Mayor of Peninsula asked that the matter be continued. It was the consensus of the Trustees that they would still attend the joint meeting at 8:00 P.M. to discuss the police budget and

There was ongoing discussion concerning various suggested changes to the fire department and police budget. Randolph Bergdorf is studying the matter and welcomed the comments of both Trustees Fisher and Schneider as to prior dealings with the Village and prior understandings reached by the Boston Township Board of Trustees.

88-22
Motion by Schneider seconded by Fisher that the temporary appropriations for the Township be set at \$3,100,000.00 until further appropriation. Voting yes: Schneider, Fisher, Bergdorf.

88-23
Motion by Schneider seconded by Bergdorf to adjourn. Meeting duly adjourned at 9:57 P.M. All Trustees voted to adjourn.

CLERK

CHAIRMAN