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Held March 28, 1977 19

A special meeting was called to order by Chairman George Fisher Jr., at 7:00 P.M. to discuss taxation of property owned by the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreational Area. Present were Trustees George Fisher, Jr., Donald Carpenter, Clara Muldowney And Clerk Morgan.

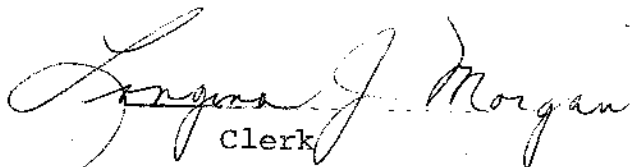
Clara Muldowney moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Donald Carpenter seconded the motion. Voting yes: Fisher, Carpenter, Muldowney.

A copy of same is to be sent to George Lablack, House Ways and Means Committee, Columbus, Ohio.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.


Chairman


Clerk

A motion by Fisher, seconded by Carpenter, to pay \$3000.00 toward the 1977 Fire contract with the Valley Fire District. Voting yes: Fisher, Carpenter, Muldowney.

March 28, 1977

George Lablack
House Ways and Means Committee
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Lablack:

The following is a resolution adopted by the Boston Township Trustees on March 28, 1977:

The trustees of Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio, deeply regret that there is a need to urge passage of House Bill 318.

Whereas, when Public Law 93-555, establishing the CVMRA, was in public hearing and "drum up support" stage, the plan was to allow the majority of residents to remain and own their own properties, very few were to be relocated or purchased outright,

Whereas, the final bill reversed this bill and 88% of Boston Township will be acquired in fee (owned by the Federal Government). Current trends indicate that 54% of those acquired will choose to remain under various options,

Whereas, the park service estimates it will employ over 100 park personell, many of whom will reside in federally owned houses,

Whereas, the result is that 12% of the residents holding easement restrictions will be required to provide the services of police and fire protection and road maintenance. No average income family could bear this tax burden, as 43% of our budget of \$181,000.00 is derived from real estate tax,

Whereas, our road expenditures in 1976 were over \$66,800.00 (page 32 of Cuyahoga Valley 1975 - a study by Mosure - Fok and Syrakia Co., Ltd for the State of Ohio, states that 18% of the roads within the park are township roads. By eliminating the Ohio Turnpike and Interstates, the percentage increases.) Township roads will play a major role in the traffic pattern of the park,

Whereas, Section 4-B of Public Law 93-555 states 'The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the State of Ohio or any political subdivision thereof, for the rendering, on a reimbursable basis, of rescue, fire fighting and law enforcement services,

Whereas, to date we have been unable to secure any definite commitment from the Federal Government,

Whereas, the park service has stated that they will maintain a road when they own both sides, a possibility that is very remote,

Whereas, numerous studies have been made on the environmental impact of the CVNRA on the flora, fauna and bunny rabbits, but none have been addressed on the problem of the impact on the people,

Therefore be it resolved, that it is the hope of the Boston Township Trustees that this committee will follow the lead of the Supreme Court in its decision regarding federal immunity to taxation of possessory interests (U.S. vs Fresno no. 75-1262) and vote favorably on House Bill 318.

Voting: George Elsher - yes
Donald Carpenter - yes
Clara Muldowney - yes

Very truly yours,

Boston Twp. Trustees

Longina J. Morgan
Clerk