

**BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

April 24, 2019

Present at this special meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Trustees Amy Anderson, Randy Bergdorf, and Bill Clifton; Fiscal Officer Catherine Anson, Legal Counsel Ed Pullekens; and Road Superintendent Dave Krusinski.

Peninsula Guest: Council Member Dee Holody

Trustee Anderson called the special meeting to order at 5:02 PM to continue the discussion on merging or formalizing a collaboration between the Boston Township Road Department and the Village of Peninsula Road Department.

COLLABORATION MODELS:

Peninsula Councilperson Holody distributed an email from the Ohio Municipal League stating that as far as they are aware Section 505.92 has not been used nor has a service/road department district been set up. Athens is currently working on setting up a Regional Council of Governments for joint services.

The board declined to meet with an OML representative at this time as COGs have not been proven beneficial to townships. Pullekens was interested in how the Athens RCOG is being funded and asked Holody to get additional information on that process. The long-term efficiency and success of the collaboration often hinges on independent funding rather than contributions from each entity.

The group acknowledged that a long-term commitment based on levied funds is far into the future. Of immediate concern is storage of equipment for the winter and a contract to determine organization and equipment and supply purchases for general maintenance.

Holody asked for a scope of work to bring to council and a possible cost for Peninsula to contract with Boston. The board suggested general terms such as road maintenance, leaf and brush pickup, and snow removal and a general list of things that would require special permission and funding such as major road repair as being out of the scope of the priced contract.

The Peninsula personnel could be considered employees of Boston with Boston paying salary and continued health care coverage or Peninsula might continue to pay for the health care coverage. A mechanism was discussed for Peninsula government and residents to report problems to the road department.

The first purchase of equipment with Peninsula insurance funds as recommended by both road departments is a new Ford F505 medium truck. When departments are combined, it will be possible to sell off some duplicate equipment according to the list distributed at a prior meeting; however, if the contract isn't renewed, each entity is looking at purchasing replacement equipment.

Krusinski asked for a breakdown of pricing for materials and supplies used by the Peninsula in the last year for use in pricing out a contract. Holody will ask their fiscal officer for the information.

Pullekens suggested that the Peninsula solicitor Bryan contact him regarding possible language for an agreement.

Holody is unsure of the direction of their Council and will present information to members at the next meeting.

PENINSULA/JOINT STORAGE GARAGE:

Peninsula Councilperson Holody distributed notes of a meeting she held with CVNP representatives and listed the options as discussed with the park. Holody was urged to think about future needs when soliciting permission from the US Department of Interior. A land swap was favored to allow for the building of a large garage, septic system, parking, a turnaround area, and a wastewater treatment plant.

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The board agreed that current storage of materials and equipment was sufficient for our needs and that the road department is not expected to expand in the future. Other options for storage of equipment to meet immediate needs included General Diecasters, Skip's Junction, the county yard, and Brandywine. The most promising for a short term solution is Brandywine.

The board declined to meet with the Peninsula Architects regarding the building of a new garage as it is a Peninsula concern.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

The group decided to keep the 5:00 PM meetings on the schedule to touch base on progress.

ACTION STEPS:

- Holody will check on the funding mechanism for the Athens RCOG and will ask the fiscal officer for a breakdown of costs on supplies and materials.
- Pullekens will talk with the Peninsula solicitor regarding wording for a possible contract.
- Boston will start work on pricing out a contract for general services.

MOTION by Bergdorf to adjourn. Meeting duly adjourned at 6:01 PM.

CHAIR

CLERK