

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

April 10, 2019

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

Peninsula Guests: Council Members Dee Holody, Dan Schneider; Legal Counsel Brad Bryan.

Trustee Anderson called the special meeting to order at 5:01 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: The group continued the discussion, focusing on the following models.

Model 1: Peninsula would contract to Boston to provide road service similar to the Police contract between Peninsula and Boston.

Model 2: The entities will set up a joint department run by members from each entity with one combined budget funded by each entity as allowed by ORC 505.40.

Model 3: A road district would be set up similar to the Valley Fire District (VFD) as a separate legal entity funded by a levy which would require legislation from Ohio.

Holody and Anderson presented responses to the questions raised at the last special meeting. In response to a question from Bryan, a preliminary list of equipment to be shared, sold, and purchased for the collaboration was distributed at the last meeting.

Peninsula/Joint Storage Garage:

The group discussed possibilities of using the insurance monies to build a storage garage that would include a bay with electricity for winter repairs. Having indoor storage of seasonal equipment will greatly prolong the life of the equipment. The group discussed the history of moving the fire station to its current location and the events and timelines leading to the move and build of the station.

The Peninsula insurance agency is offering \$232,000 for the rebuilding of the garage. Four sites were discussed.

1. The insurance company deemed the previous site on N. Locust as a possibility since the foundation was not damaged.
2. A unit could be built on the Valley Fire Station grounds on Dogwood. Permission from the US Department of the Interior would be required which would greatly delay the project.
3. A unit could be built on the property owned by the Village off Route 303 where the Player's Barn is located. However, the Village and the National Park had been in negotiations to swap this property for another and the Park may have an objection to building close to the edge of the property. A lengthy delay may be involved.
4. Boston proposed adding a 40 by 100 foot storage barn on the Town Hall site. Some gravel and other material could be moved to the Village yard at the end of N. Locust. The lower parking lot would be reconfigured and additional parking spaces may be added. The architecture of the garage would need to fit in the style of the Town Hall.

Anderson asked if any insurance funds were available for the temporary housing of the department until the new building is operational. Another question concerned the Peninsula insurance coverage of their equipment in our garage in the worst case scenario of our garage also catching fire.

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The combined road departments suggested that they handle the tear down of the old garage at a reduced cost instead of sending it out for bid.

The majority view was to continue as currently set up and working toward Model 1 with a phase into Model 2 in the immediate future with a serious investigation of (but not a commitment to) Model 3. Both road departments' personnel should continue to be involved in the discussions.

ACTION STEPS:

- Anson will follow up with Fiscal Officer Wordell regarding joint insurance coverage.
- Boston will touch base with Bill Roemer to notify him of our intentions and to ask about any state funds available to aid the collaboration.
- Peninsula will have a conversation with the park in regards to a new garage; will start a conversation with an architect/engineer and will include the road department in new plans; and will see if Macedonia is interested in selling the truck currently on loan to Peninsula.

MOTION by Bergdorf to adjourn. Meeting duly adjourned at 5:41 PM.

CHAIR

CLERK