

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

November 8, 2017

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Randy Bergdorf, Amy Anderson, Jerry Ritch; Fiscal Officer Catherine Anson; and Legal Counsel Edward C. Pullekens.

Trustee Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Police Report. Chief Varga distributed the report of police activity. Items of note:

- No problems were reported for Halloween night and there were no incidents at the cemeteries during Halloween week in spite of the Discovery Channel's special on "Helltown." Fine print at the end of the special included a disclaimer that events and persons were fictitious but could have easily been missed.
- Anderson expressed appreciation for the extra coverage during Halloween week. Ritch stated that he heard lots of compliments regarding the police coverage at Halloween.
- Anderson reported on the sentencing for the trespassers arrested at the Boston cemetery which resulted in fines, court costs, community service, and a restriction against visiting the cemetery in the future. In addition, the judge severely lectured the trespassers.
- Varga reported on a Toledo-based psychic advertising guided tours of Boston cemetery. Ritch and Pullekens left messages by phone indicating that a permit would be required and in this case would unlikely to be issued. Representatives from the National Park indicated they would not issue permits for park areas either. Police will be on hand to refuse entry should the tours take place as planned.

Zoning. Schneider reported on the following:

- He is continuing to collect information short term rentals from area townships.
- He requested information on a 1957 property established prior to the code.
- Mr. Bektic did not show up for his scheduled hearing last month. He is expected to be present for his case to be presented at the next meeting of the BZA and is expected to cover the costs of both hearings.
- The situation with Mr. Bridle continues to be in limbo. The board suggested that he be invited to the next meeting of the BZA to clarify expectations. He has been billed for the past due invoices and received the invoice for transcription costs.

Correspondences.

- An extension of the agreement with the National Park to provide snow plowing of Stanford Road was received. While funds were unavailable this year for mowing, funds may be available for next summer's mowing.
MOTION by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the extension of the agreement to provide plowing of Standard Road. Voting: All Yes. **[20171108-01]**
- Anson received a letter from Charles Harris auditors offering assistance with footnotes for the annual report.
MOTION by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve having Charles Harris write the footnotes for the annual report. Voting: All Yes. **[20171108-02]**
- Anson received a corrected estimate of taxes from the Fiscal Office of Summit County requiring an official acceptance by the board.
MOTION by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the Budget Commission's revised report on estimated tax income for 2018 . Voting: All Yes. **[20171108-03]**

Approval of Minutes.

- MOTION by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes of October 25, 2017. Voting: All Yes. **[20171108-04]**

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Township Buildings and Grounds. Bergdorf reported on the following:

- The annual Ramp Festival is looking for a new home and inquired about using the lower level parking lot. The board indicated that if we agree to house the festival that access for our Road Department vehicles must be maintained. The septic system has been repaired.
- The next meeting is scheduled for November 16 at 6:30 PM.

Boston/Cuyahoga Falls JEDD and Future Planning. No checks/reports have been received but are in process.

Boston/Peninsula JEDD and Future Planning. The check and report from last month has been received but the spreadsheet has not been updated. Ritch indicated that the report looks good.

Valley Fire District Update. Anderson reported:

- The voters are thanked for approving the latest levy.
- Recent calls are reported as followed: Boston Heights (22); Boston Township (8); Mutual Aid (4); and Peninsula (12).

Road Department. Road Superintendent Adams distributed the report of activity for previous period. Items of note:

- Sunday night's storm saw a number of trees down in local roads; the Peninsula Road Department assisted in clearing up damage that night – Adams expressed appreciation for their help.
- Equipment has been tested and is ready for the winter season.
- Ritch stated that he's heard nothing but compliments regarding leaf pickups this fall.

Other Business.

- **Trash Contract:** Pullekens will place the ads for bid for the new garbage contract. Bids will be due in December.
- **December Bazaar:** Anderson reported tables are continued to be booked for the event. She requested assistance for that day in helping vendors set up and take down and with buyers who need assistance. Schneider said that he will ask around for high school students interested in fulfilling service hours. The raffle will be held again with the theme "A Nightmare Before Christmas."
- **Share-a-Christmas:** Collection boxes have been set up at the Peninsula Library and at Terry Lumber for non-perishable food items. This is the twentieth year for the event.
- **County Appraisal Increases:** Ritch met with county officials regarding the increase in local appraisals given the situation with most residents living in rural situations with no sewer or water. He strongly urges residents who are unhappy with their appraisals to contact the County Board of Revisions for an appeal.

Appropriations. Reallocation.

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
1000-110-599-0000	Other Expenses	(8,000.00)	
1000-110-311-0000	Legal Fees		8000.00

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the reallocations as listed.

Voting: All Yes.

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Purchase Orders. Super Blanket.

#	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
45-2017	1000-110-311-0000	Legal Fees	8,000.00
46-2017	1000-110-230-0000	Workers' Compensation	300.00

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to the purchase orders as listed. Voting: All Yes. **[20171108-06]**

Bank Reconciliation: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the bank reconciliation as presented. Voting: All Yes. **[20171011-07]**

Approval of Payroll: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the payroll as presented. Voting: All Yes. **[20171108-08]**

Approval of Bills: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the payroll as presented. Voting: All Yes. **[20171108-09]**

Executive Session:
Motion by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. The Fiscal Officer called roll:

Bergdorf: Yes Ritch: Yes Anderson: Yes

Motion passed. The trustees entered executive session at 7:30 PM. **[20171108-10]**

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, to enter regular session. The Fiscal Officer called roll:

Bergdorf: Yes Ritch: Yes Anderson: Yes

Motion passed. The trustees reconvened at 7:41 PM with no action taken during the session. **[20171108-11]**

APPOINTMENTS:
MOTION by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, to appoint Bergdorf as liaison to the Cemetery Board and Anderson as liaison for police protection. Voting: All Yes. **[20171108-12]**

MOTION by Bergdorf, seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Voting: All Yes. Meeting duly adjourned at 7:44 PM. **[20171108-13]**

CHAIRMAN

CLERK