

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

August 30, 2017

Present at this special meeting of the Boston Township Trustees to discuss personnel issues 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.

Zoning Inspector: The trustees met to interview John Schneider for the position of Zoning Inspector. In response to questions, Schneider indicated that he has been attending the zoning meetings, is familiar with the Boston Township zoning regulations, and has construction experience in accordance with zoning laws. His goal is to see the township become better.

Former Boston Township zoning inspector Paul Kaczmarski commented on his experience. Enforcement is the tough part and there is a fine line between being too heavy handed and making sure things get done.

The trustees indicated that the ideal candidate will:

- Work with people to make their property compliant with zoning regulations. Often this means walking them through the procedures to secure a mutually satisfactory outcome. The trustees recognize that there may be exceptions to the regulations if warranted by going through the proper procedures. The zoning inspector's job is to help people follow the procedures.
- Be able to remain a neutral party. The zoning inspector is often the least popular person in a zoning situation. While the board expects compliance, they will continue to be supportive of projects as long as progress is being made; if progress stops, the zoning inspector is expected to move the applicant back on track, again working towards a mutually agreeable conclusion.
- Put the township and its regulations first, upholding the regulations in spite of any personal opinions.
- Be responsive to messages and communicate with the public, the trustees, and zoning committees in a timely manner.

Candidates must be able to attend night meetings for township committees; be able to attend to zoning business during the day; and be bondable.

Marijuana Question: A member of the public asked if the township had made a decision or is likely to make a decision in the next three months as to whether they would allow or designate property for growing marijuana in light of the upcoming state application process. The trustees stated that marijuana farming is currently prohibited and that it is unlikely that it would be approved in the time frame mentioned.

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 6:50 PM. **[20170830-01]**

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 7:26 PM with no action taken during the session. **[20170830-02]**

MOTION by Bergdorf, seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Voting: All Yes. Meeting duly adjourned at 7:26 PM. **[20170830-03]**

CHAIR

CLERK