

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

August 9, 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.

The trustees recognized the milestone birthday of George E. Fisher, Jr., the longest running trustee for the Township.

Police Protection Report. Chief Varga distributed the report of incidents, noting that the past two weeks have been quiet.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mayer distributed the report of zoning activity for previous period.

- Mr. Bridle submitted material reviewed by the Zoning Commission at the last meeting. During the meeting, the commission requested that Bridle revise the submitted maps for better clarity. If Bridle submits the revisions to the zoning inspector by Monday, August 14, the request will officially be reviewed at this month's BZA meeting.

Bergdorf stated that the Majewski report on economic development will be mailed to Zoning Commission members and that this is an exciting time for Boston Township to shape the future economic development of the Township.

Anderson reported that a gas station, warehouse, and restaurant are planned for the areas where the trees were cut down.

Correspondences. Fiscal Officer Anson reported:

- The request for a letter of support regarding the removal of the Gorge Dam. The trustees declined the request since the Township has no jurisdiction over the area.
- Invoices for the court reporter at the last BZA meeting and the ad as submitted by Pullekens. The trustees stated that the zoning inspector should provide Anson with contact information for Bridle and Kamper City to Anson to bill each for half of the court reporter fee. Pullekens will pay both invoices and submit a request for reimbursement.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes of July 26, 2017.
Voting: All Yes. **[20170809-01]**

Township Buildings and Grounds. Trustee Bergdorf reported:

- The oven is being replaced since it is used for catering events.
- CLEVNET representatives met with him to tour the building regarding WIFI capability. Either a number of WIFI boosters would need to be installed, which would weaken the connection, or wired routers would need to be installed, either with visible wiring which would be unattractive in the historical building or hidden at greater expense. The Town Hall Committee will be consulted.
- The Quarry Room is still available to lease.
- Ron Adams has provided good information regarding the parking lot lights; the situation will continue to be monitored.

Boston/Cuyahoga Falls JEDD and Future Planning. The spreadsheet has been updated for last month based on the supporting documentation. Ritch reported that Cuyahoga Falls JEDD payments have been audited and a \$2900 discrepancy for November 2016 has been noted.

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Boston/Peninsula JEDD and Future Planning. The spreadsheet has been updated with information on last month's check. Supporting documentation has not been received and Ritch reported that he has not been able to gain information on apparent discrepancies covering the last several months. He will continue to press for accurate information.

Valley Fire District Update. Trustee Anderson reported:

- The inauguration of Nick Zamiska as Brecksville Fire Chief on August 1 was well attended.
- The Steak Dinner will be held on August 26 at the Village of Boston Heights station.
- Stats for this month: Village of Boston Heights (26), Boston Township (19), Mutual Aid (3), Peninsula (9).

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

- The Summit County Engineer's Office assisted in clearing out three culvert pipes saving the Road Department from digging out the blockages.
- The salt sheds are in need of repair before the next salt delivery. Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve up to \$1,000 in repair costs for the shed repairs. Voting: All Yes. **[20170809-02]**

Other Business:

- Summit County Property Tax Increase: After the last meeting, Ritch solicited additional information regarding the Boston Township increases. The increase averaged 18% to 25% based on neighborhood and was determined on the sale of 9 "arms-length" sales. Anderson confirmed that none of the Township properties were examined in person by the county.
 - The trustees recommended that individuals contact the County at the phone number listed on the notification before September 1 for a personal inspection.
 - A joint meeting will be arranged for Township and Peninsula representatives to meet with County to discuss the rate increases.
- Cemetery Presentation: Mayer provided before-and-after photographs of some of the headstones he has been excavating, repairing/restoring, and cleaning to preserve the history of the Boston Cemetery. The trustees were impressed with the work and requested that a similar presentation be made to the Cemetery Association at their next meeting.
- Compliments: Anderson reported that she received emails from the race directors for the Sweet Corn Challenge and the Pan Ohio Hope Ride expressing their appreciation for a successful and trouble-free experience on July 30.

Appointments:

Appropriations: None

Reallocation: None

Purchase Orders: None

Bank Reconciliation: The bank reconciliation is still showing the discrepancy from April. Anson has contacted UAN who requested additional information before recommending a course of action; Bergdorf requested that the situation be resolved soon. Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the bank reconciliation as presented. Voting: All Yes. **[20170809-03]**

Approval of Payroll: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the payroll as presented. Voting: All Yes. **[20170809-04]**

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Approval of Bills: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the payroll as presented. Voting: All Yes. **[20170809-05]**

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. **[20170809-06]**

The trustees entered executive session at 7:36 PM.

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

Bergdorf Yes
Ritch Yes
Anderson Yes

Motion passed. **[20170809-07]**

The trustees reconvened at 7:45 PM with no action taken during the session.

A brief discussion was held regarding extending the deadline to apply for zoning inspector. Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to place a second ad in the West Side Leader for zoning inspector and extending the deadline to apply to September 1. Voting: All Yes. **[20170809-08]**

MOTION by Bergdorf, seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Voting: All Yes. Meeting duly adjourned at 7:47 PM. **[20170809-09]**

CHAIRMAN

CLERK