

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

July 26, 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.

Donna Skoda, Summit County Health Commissioner, presented on the variety of services offered by the department and she distributed literature. The literature will be available to the community at the Peninsula Library. Particular items of interest included:

- Free water testing kits are available to the community; analysis fee of \$10 is required. The board requested kits to distribute to the community.
- Mosquito spraying and larvicide application to ponds: the board requested a list of sites currently treated with larvicide and will provide the county with a list of residences with ponds.

Police Protection Report. The report was distributed. Anderson said the weekly reports from Chief Varga were very helpful.

Zoning: Mayer distributed the zoning report with a few updates. He suggested that Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) members might want to attend Zoning Commission meetings when Mr. Majewski presents on the Business Corridor.

Mr. Bridle addressed the board. He did not attend last night's BZA meeting as planned because he didn't know it was scheduled then. The board expressed surprise as the meeting date to formally discuss the application was clearly announced at the last BZA meeting that Bridle attended and that all BZA dates are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month as listed on the Boston Township website. Bridle has not yet prepared the documents requested by the BZA at the previous meeting.

The board advised Bridle of the following:

- He should respond to the BZA's request for additional and accurate information by providing 20 copies of a revised site plan to the zoning inspector by August 1. The site plan should be drawn up by an engineer and should be drafted according to Boston Township zoning regulations which are available on the Boston Township website.
- The site plan should correspond to the zoning application previously submitted which should be an accurate description of what he is requesting to do with the property. If the site plan is different from the application and represents the intent of the request, a new zoning application should be filed with the site plan.
- If filed on time, Bridle and the engineer may want to attend the Zoning Commission meeting on August 8 at 6:30 PM to speed up the review process by answering any questions requested by the commission.
- If filed on time, the Zoning Commission will forward their comments to BZA for a formal hearing on August 22 at 6:30 PM.
- Bridle will be responsible for all zoning application fees as listed in the zoning regulations.
- The Zoning Commission and the BZA want to see this issue resolved quickly to the mutual satisfaction of all parties.
- Failure to settle this matter in a reasonable time will result in a court order.

Correspondences. Anson reported the following:

- The check, supporting documentation, and agreement have been received from the county for the PILT funds. MOTION: Bergdorf motioned to accept the PILT agreement, seconded by Ritch. All Yes. **[20170726-01]**
Anderson signed off on the agreement.

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- The board was requested to give their support to the removal of the Gorge Dam. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- A letter was received from the Ohio Department of Commerce regarding expiration of liquor licenses. No action is needed.

Approval of Minutes: Bergdorf motioned to accept the minutes from the July 12, 2017 board meeting, seconded by Ritch. All Yes. **[20170726-02]**

Township Buildings and Grounds. Bergdorf reported the following:

- A \$14,000 upgrade to the HVAC system is needed.
- Painting is expected to be done in the fall.
- Custodian David Shankland has cancelled his pending retirement and will remain in the position.
- Spectrum is installing cable in the Museum office; he is exploring expanding WIFI range to the entire building.
- Parking lot light repair is being examined; Adams will assist in the plan.

Boston/Cuyahoga Falls JEDD and Future Planning. The check was received but supporting documentation was received just prior to the meeting. Anson requested that the documentation accompany the check in the future. The updated spreadsheet will be distributed at the next meeting.

Boston/Peninsula JEDD and Future Planning. The updated JEDD spreadsheet was distributed but the original documentation appears to have errors. Ritch will follow up on this.

Valley Fire District Update. Anderson reported on the following:

- The old squad has been sold; the \$5700 will be used to repair VFD equipment.
- Former VFD officer Nick Zamiska will be sworn in as the new Chief of the Brecksville Fire Department on August 1.
- We received an Ohio EMS grant for \$3100.

Road Department. Anderson reported that she and Adams met with representatives from the Summit County Engineer's Office to discuss the plan to vacate a portion of Everett Road, Oak Hill, and the Everett Connector. The low traffic volume (estimated at less than 200 cars/day) was determined to be unwarranted against the \$3 million in repairs. The Gillette house will be torn down soon with all other buildings on hold until 2020 for budgetary reasons.

Adams distributed the report from the Road Department. The board agreed to have him secure quotes to remove dead/dying trees in the right of way at the Woodland Drive curve since electrical lines are involved.

Other Business: Anderson reported:

- Seven new signs have been ordered to commemorate the winning cross-country teams.
- Property taxes may greatly increase next year based on recent new calculations by Summit County; the formula may be accurate for large communities but are inaccurate for smaller communities. The board discussed making a formal request to the county to reevaluate the proposed increase using a more accurate formula. The topic was tabled for a future meeting.

Bank Reconciliation: The June Reconciliation balances except for the continuing discrepancy. Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the June Reconciliation. Voting: All Yes. **[20170726-03]**

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Approval of Payroll: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the payroll as presented. Voting: All Yes. **[20170726-04]**

Approval of Bills: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the bills as presented. Voting: All Yes. **[20170726-05]**

MOTION by Bergdorf, seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Meeting duly adjourned at 8:14 PM.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK