

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

April 12, 2017

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Randy Bergdorf, Amy Anderson, Jerry Ritch, and legal counsel, Edward C. Pullekens. Trustee Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee Anderson announced that due to an illness, Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon could not be present for the meeting. The Trustees expressed their wishes for a speedy recovery for Joanne Noragon.

Deputy Fiscal Officer, Catherine Anson, was not able to attend the meeting. Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to have legal counsel, Edward C. Pullekens, take the minutes of the meeting. All Voting: Yes. [2017-0412-01].

Trustee Anderson indicated that since Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon's illness, steps have been taken to allow the Deputy Fiscal Officer to execute checks and access the UAN network. Trustee Anderson said the process has been time consuming but she wanted to insure that everything was in order.

Police Protection Report. Chief Varga updated the Trustees in regard to the recent activity of the department in the township. Chief Varga indicated that he has confirmed with numerous sources that the recent changes in ORC 4513.39 does not limit the powers of the Peninsula Village Police Department in its coverage of Boston Township inasmuch as the police department contracts with the Township. Chief Varga indicates that the new laws in regard to bicycles on the highway have created numerous issues that his department is following through on each issue. He will keep the Trustees updated on the matter.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Doug Mayer presented a written summary of his activities since the last meeting and indicated that he continues to go to meetings and field calls. Jerry Ritch indicated that various sections of the current zoning resolution should be reviewed with the Zoning Commission in regard to possible updating/changes. The Trustees will attend an upcoming Zoning Commission meeting to discuss the matter. The Trustees again reminded and instructed Zoning Inspector, Doug Mayer, to forward copies of all zoning applications with attachments and related documents to each member of the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals, as well as to the Zoning Clerk and Legal Counsel. The Zoning Inspector was reminded that the Boston Township Zoning Resolution requires each applicant to submit fourteen (14) copies of the site plan contents and forms (Section 803.04-Boston Township Zoning Resolution). It appears that the Zoning Inspector has not been requiring the copies from the applicants.

In regard to the fees charged to file a conditional zoning/variance application, the Trustees discussed the possibility of increasing the fees to cover the costs of publication for the required meeting(s) and the cost of the court reporter. Motion by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf to increase the filing fees for conditional zoning/variance applications. All Voting: Yes. [2017-0412-02]. An updated fee schedule will be prepared by the Zoning Inspector for the review and approval of the Trustees.

The Zoning Inspector was directed to require that any zoning applicant provides the number of copies of the filed documents as required by the zoning resolution.

Approval of Minutes: Due to the illness of the Fiscal Officer, the minutes from the prior meeting and the special meeting will be presented at the next meeting for review and approval.

Correspondences. No correspondences were reviewed.

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Township Buildings and Grounds. Trustee Bergdorf indicated that the parking signs for the parking lot have been ordered but not yet received. Police Chief Varga indicated that he would check on the matter to determine the status of the signs.

Boston/Cuyahoga Falls JEDD and Future Planning. No report.

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Valley Fire District Update. Trustee Amy Anderson reported that the next meeting of the Valley Fire District is Monday, April 16, 2017. Trustee Anderson reviewed the number of recent calls in March responded to by the department. Trustee Anderson announced that the annual pancake breakfast is scheduled for the 1st Sunday in May – May 7, 2017. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Road Department. The township road superintendent presented a written report to the trustees in regard to work completed and/or in progress. The work at the cemetery was reviewed—all agreed that the work done looks great.

Future Planning. No discussion.

Other Business: There was discussion in regard the placing of NO PARKING signs on Boston Mills Road—no action was taken.

Discussion was had in regard to the placing of NO PARKING signs on Columbia Road. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf to submit a Request for Engineering Assistance to the Summit County Engineer to “Establish a NO PARKING zone from the top of Columbia Road up to 2148 Columbia Road on both sides of the road and to install No PARKING signs. All voting: YES. [2017-0412-03].

Approval of Payroll: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the payroll as presented. **All voting YES** [2017-0412-04].

Approval of Payment of Bills: None

Executive Session: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Ritch to go into executive session to discuss contracts and personnel. Voting: Anderson: Yes; Bergdorf: Yes and Ritch: Yes. [2017-0412-05]. Trustees went into executive session at 8:00 PM, and returned to regular session at 8:30 PM. The Trustees announced that no actions were taken in executive session.

MOTION by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned at 8:30 PM.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK