

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

July 27, 2016

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Trustees Amy Anderson, Jerry Ritch, and Randy Bergdorf; Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon, and Legal Counsel Ed Pullekens. Trustee Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Police Protection Report: Officer Westfall reported a plethora of fallen trees in the last two storms, all on county roads. The department responded to alarm drops at vacant park buildings and apprehended eight trespassers, two eighteen year olds and six juveniles. The adults have been charged. Trustee Anderson asked Officer Westfall to inquire why the park is not filing charges against the juveniles through the Peninsula Police Department.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mayer reported

- Little progress with the garage on Main Street. He was instructed to contact the county to report the unauthorized building as the most effective way of stopping construction at once, and to additionally issue the stop work order.
- He answered an email from a Crown Castle employee trying to source original documentation for the tower's zoning status.
- He gathered information to instruct the owners of 5353 Akron Cleveland Road to seek a variance for a garage.
- Mr. Bridle says he will meet with Mr. Mayer this week to resolve the zoning application issue.
- The BZA hearing for Zach Geobelt has been extended one month, for a corrected application to be submitted.

Mr. Mayer did not submit a time log of his hours with his pay sheet, as requested at the last meeting. Mr. Mayer explained he hoped his written report would suffice. It will not; he was asked again to provide a time log. In addition he was asked if complete packets were distributed to the recipients he was given at the last meeting. He said complete packets were distributed. In addition, he was asked to give a copy of the written report to members of the BZA and Zoning Commission when feasible.

Correspondence: The Fiscal Officer reviewed correspondence received since the last meeting.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2016 regular meeting. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0727-01]**

The fiscal officer reported that in legal counsel's purge of old township records at his firm, Mr. Pullekens found two expanding folders of minutes from the seventies and eighties. On cursory examination they appear to be original copies of missing minutes, and she will report further at the next meeting. This appears to leave only a gap from the sixties, and Trustee Bergdorf will contact the children of the clerk at the time to see if the minutes may be with some one of them.

Township Buildings and Grounds: Trustee Bergdorf said the tree removal was discussed at the last BTHC meeting, but he had not introduced the question of the cost of repairing the damage as he did not know how the trustees wanted to proceed. He was requested to consider covering the cost, and contacting the insurance company for compensation.

Boston/Cuyahoga JEDD and Future Planning: Trustee Ritch talked to Mike Weant regarding an Ohio EPA grant that is funded by the Federal EPA for water quality projects. Mr. Weant will call the Ohio EPA to see if they have data specifically tied to Boston Township regarding impairments to streams. If they have some data showing streams in Boston Township that are not in compliance there is some chance of qualifying for the grant. He will have information next week.

Boston/Peninsula JEDD: In a discussion of the township's attempt to understand the extent of compliance of park employees in paying taxes, Trustee Ritch reported talking to a financial office employee in Brecksville concerning their understanding of compliance. He was directed back to RITA for the information, but Trustee Ritch has not yet called the person referred to. The Fiscal Officer has also been referred to that person, but has not called him. Both Mr. Ritch and Ms. Noragon hesitate due to the history of being referred back to Peninsula Fiscal Officer John Stiegel, who has failed to respond to repeated requests for information, including a request for a report by name of taxpayers made as recently as one month ago.

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Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported

- The district's Lieutenant Scott Duber has been promoted to Captain on the Akron Fire Department, and offered congratulations.
- After further meetings with Northfield Center, the District has declined to offer a proposal for service to Northfield Center.
- The District will put a replacement equipment levy on the November ballot.
- The audit is complete and the new clerk was proactive in resolving issues.
- The District is making an equipment replacement schedule.
- The meeting with Boston Heights Finance Committee with a proposal for a five year contract has resulted in a request for a ten year proposal, too. The agreement is a work in process.

Road Department: Road Superintendent Adams reported

- The material bin is completed at a lower cost than estimated.
- The second round of mowing is complete.
- The Hines Hill ditch repair sixty five feet up from the catch basin at the foot of the hill is postponed until road sealing is complete. The balance of the hill is park property.
- The tar kettle is being repaired in anticipation of road sealing.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the purchase of tires at \$140.00 each to replace the twenty two year old original tires on the kettle. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0727-02]**

Mr. Adams was instructed to cease mowing for the year as we are required to mow only twice a year. Additionally, he was requested to ask the Park to repair the ditch on their portion of Hines Hill, and to look into the cost of renting equipment rather than repairing old equipment. He specifically was asked to look into the cost of renting a tar kettle. Mr. Adams will do so, but pointed out to the trustees that our old equipment required only mechanical repairs and can be kept on the road an additional twenty or so years, as compared to current computerized equipment that requires software to diagnose problems and entire modules for repair.

The Fiscal Officer said that with the current month financial report she will provide a comparison of annual cost of equipment repairs for the last two or three years.

Other Business: The Fiscal Officer reported an email and phone exchange with Andrew Deikun of the Summit County Health Department concerning mosquito spraying in the township. She received an email with Boston on the spray schedule, followed quickly by an email from Mr. Deikun, taking Boston off the schedule. The explanation was the trap with a mosquito with West Nile Virus was mistakenly identified as in the township. The Fiscal Officer and Trustee Anderson explained to the audience that spraying in Boston is hampered by the park as environmentally unsound. However, as recently as last year traps with West Nile virus mosquitoes were identified in the township. She will follow up with Mr. Deikun for the location of Boston traps.

Approval of Payroll: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the current payroll. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0727-03]**

Approval for Payment of Bills: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to pay the bills prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0727-04]**

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

Bergdorf	Yes
Ritch	Yes
Anderson	Yes

Motion passed. **[2016-0727-05]**

The trustees entered executive session at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Adams was requested to remain.

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

Bergdorf	Yes
Ritch	Yes
Anderson	Yes

Motion passed. **[2016-0727-06]**

The trustees reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

The Trustees announced they are disappointed Zoning Inspector Mayer was not following procedures as instructed at the previous meeting, specifically referencing incomplete and missing information packets for a BZA hearing. The position is being reviewed by the board.

Motion Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2016-0727-07]**

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER