

BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

April 27, 2016

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Trustees Amy Anderson, Randy Bergdorf and Jerry Ritch, 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 they are handling a lot of activity along Akron Cleveland Road. The police answered an alarm drop mutual aid at the Environmental Center, and did a walk through, as no park personnel were available. Trustee Anderson again reiterated this is a park problem and should not be underwritten by Boston. There was discussion of gunfire reported on Stine Road, and that townships may not regulate gunfire.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mayer reported

- Five vehicles have been selected for removal from the Pruitt property.
- Mr. Bridle has started the review and hearing process. He has Summit Soil and Water approval. The County Health Department referred him to the EPA for a septic system. Mr. Bridle has contacted them, but has not updated Mr. Mayer.
- Mr. Geobelt, Sullivan Road, needs to redo his application as previous paperwork is misplaced.
- The three houses at the corner of Akron Cleveland and Geoppert are of concern. Two have standing water in the basement. The County Health Department says the Fire Department should check the homes for safety and health concerns.

The Fiscal Officer is sending another request to Mr. Bridle to register his business, Lease 4 Less, with Cuyahoga Falls. After discussion, the trustees said the Zoning Department should add the notice to register to the zoning application, and the BZA issue permits conditional on registration being completed.

Legal counsel Pullekens circulated a junk car removal resolution for review and discussion at the next meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2016 regular meeting. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0427-01]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: The parking lot islands were weeded, trimmed and mulched in preparation for Memorial Day activities. Trustee Bergdorf said the BTHC has scheduled a discussion of the use of the islands for their May meetings. He was asked to inquire if the islands can be completely removed, as they no longer serve the purpose of providing an open lane for fire trucks.

Boston/Cuyahoga JEDD and Future Planning: No report.

Boston/Peninsula JEDD: The Fiscal Officer reported meeting with the Peninsula Tax Administrator to review the information in all his RITA reports. It turns out he receives three reports, two of which he submits with the tax payment. The third report lists the top six taxpayers. The Tax Administrator continues to forget to ask Brian Thunburg of RITA for tax reconciliations for last year. Finally, Ms. Noragon will arrange a meeting with Betty Klingenberg, Fiscal Officer, Boston Heights, to learn what sort of RITA reports she receives for review.

Ms. Noragon also will contact Brecksville, which has park employees, and ask what kind of reconciliations they receive for individual park tax payers.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported seven members of the district attended the annual FDIC meeting in Indianapolis. They are in negotiation with Boston Heights to continue providing service. Northfield Center has contacted the district to discuss possibly contracting with the district, or becoming a member of the district. The district assisted Richfield in a barn fire and in a missing juveniles situation.

The pancake breakfast is next week at the fire house and the steak dinner the following week at Boston Heights. The Fireman's Association is holding a reverse raffle.

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Road Department: Trustee Anderson asked the road superintendent to attend to the removal of all township signs remaining on Stanford Road.

Road Superintendent Adams reported

- He needs clarification on residential drive culvert replacement. He currently has purchased pipe to replace the culvert at 54 West Barlow, understanding the resident would purchase the pipe from the township, which installs the pipe at no additional cost. Tony Chiancone, attending the meeting for the Engineer's office, said there is a new ORC protocol for pipe; few municipalities provide the service, leaving the entire replacement up to the homeowner. He was instructed to proceed with West Barlow work as he understood, and Trustee Anderson will follow up with the County Engineer.
- He has bids of \$1,150.00 and \$1,650.00 to remove 3 marked trees by the salt shed and the large standing trunk by the fuel tanks. He was asked to use the lower Falls Tree bid, and to have the cost reduced by the cost to haul away the wood. It will be stacked and left for township residents to use.
- He is working on estimating the salt order for 2016-2017.

After discussion, **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the disposal of old and broken temporary street barriers, inventory numbers 371 through 379. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0427-02]**

Other Business: The trustees briefly discussed downed and missing headstones in the cemetery. They will check and see if they were thrown "over the hill." They acknowledged their invitation to a joint meeting with Peninsula to approve inside millage for the cemetery's budget.

There was discussion of a mowing issue arising from preparation of grounds used for the Memorial Day parade. The road crew "rough cut" the park and the small triangle of the former church property, which is used for staging to the Boston cemetery. Boston resident John Johnston strenuously objected to cutting the former church's frontage, even standing in front of a tractor. The crew was instructed to continue cutting in preparation for the annual event. If the objection continues, the trustees will decide how to deal with it.

Reallocation: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the reallocation of \$442.23 from 1000-110-599, Miscellaneous, to 1000-110-315, Election Expense; and \$15,000.00 from 1000-110-599, Miscellaneous, to 110-210-360, Police Protection, General Fund. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0427-03]**

Advances: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the repayment advance of \$57,457.57 from the Police Protection Fund to the General Fund. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0427-04]**

Purchase Order: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve BC37-2016, 1000-210-360, Police Protection, \$15,000.00. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0427-05]**

Approval of Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the current payroll. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0427-06]**

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. **[2016-0427-07]**

Executive Session: **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss personnel and contract matters. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0427-08]**

The trustees entered executive session at 7:45 p.m. The trustees reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

The trustees reported no action taken.

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Motion Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned.
[2016-0724-09]

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER