

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

March 23, 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 presented the disturbing information that the Bridle property is excavating along the freeway, building a new wall and spreading debris at the top of Barlow Road. When questioned, Zoning Inspector Mayer said he was aware of the new activity, and trash has been dumped at the end of Barlow “for years.” At the last Trustee meeting, Mr. Mayer was asked to cite Mr. Bridle for failure to address property violations. Mr. Mayer questioned first if he had attended the last trustee meeting, and when assured he had, admitted he issued no citation. Mr. Mayer was told again to issue a citation to Mr. Bridle for undertaking a construction project with no zoning authorization.

In further discussion of the zoning violations at the property, Mr. Mayer was told to construct a file of all the citations and reports concerning the property that have been issued by county agencies such as Summit Soil and Water, ODOT, the EPA, and others since activity on the property has been a zoning issue for the township, for the purpose of showing Mr. Bridle has taken no corrective action on the property.

Returning to police business, the group that extensively defaced township, park, state and county property by the “tagging” or spray painting of roads, signs, buildings, infrastructure is beginning to be identified. The list of suspects will begin to be questioned.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mayer began by giving the report to the trustees given by Zoning Secretary Lida Flowers Brandt on February 10th. It was pointed out to the zoning inspector the trash on the Godlewski property has been removed from the ground to a pickup truck, where it remains for the last month, thank you letter for cleaning up the property notwithstanding.

Mr. Pruitt still had not answered the letter asking him to remove the two new, untitled vehicles on his property. The township has an injunction on the property; Mr. Mayer was instructed to take action to remove the vehicles.

The abandoned Donald Jackson property at 135 Kendall Park Road is in the possession of a certificate purchaser. Mr. Pullekens will investigate the options to have the property cleaned up.

Trustee Bergdorf will put together a job description for the Zoning Secretary position. The vacancy is announced in the current *Community News*.

Trustee Bergdorf reminded everyone there will be a presentation from Mark Majewski at the next meeting. He will begin at 7 pm, and report on his recommendations at this point for the Akron Cleveland Road corridor. The presentation has been announced in the *Community News*, and is open to the public.

Correspondence: There was discussion of a township resident’s request to have the township remove a neighbor’s trees that this resident deems a nuisance to her property. The trustees stated this is a civil matter and they cannot be involved.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2016 regular meeting. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0323-01]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the request of building tenants to bring Time Warner internet cable into the building. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0323-02]**

The Hall Committee approved work to improve and paint the windows of the brick building for a cost up to \$7,500.

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Boston/Cuyahoga JEDD and Future Planning: Trustee Ritch reported talking with Mike Weant and learning there may be activity at the proposed hospital site on the southeast corner of Seasons Road and Route 8. He also learned from Diane Sheridan there may be an office building going in there.

Mr. Weant thinks we should approach the funding groups from last fall, this time with an assessment project. He is assessing the possibility of the county's participation in our project, and suggests a meeting soon.

Boston/Peninsula JEDD: The Fiscal Officer reported collections are up, year over year. However, as there have been no reconciliation reports supplied by RITA, or CCA, there is no way to tell what collections are current and what represent 2014 and 2015 past due amounts. The accounting practices of both tax collection agencies are disappointing.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported the district received a shared services request from Northfield Center. The Northfield Center/Sagamore fire district ends in August and Sagamore contracted with Macedonia for emergency services. Valley Fire is evaluating the request. The agreement with Boston Heights ends this year, and its renewal is being evaluated.

The new fiscal officer is on board and doing well. The district is looking into SAFER grants and grants for the purchase of capital equipment. The operating levy is on the November ballot. The pancake breakfast is May 1st; the steak dinner two weeks later.

Road Department: Road Superintendent Ron Adams reported sign maintenance and replacement continues. He has a supply of metal backs, which need faces. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the purchase of various stop sign faces from Municipal Signs. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0323-03]**

The Trustees executed the right of entry agreement for Time Warner to lay cable into the building. They noted there will be no cost to residents for this service, and \$50 to contractors.

Other Business: The trustees reviewed the proposed drug and alcohol policy for addition to the township handbook. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the policy as presented and have the new handbooks available for distribution to employees at the next meeting. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0323-04]**

Approval of Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the current payroll. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0323-05]**

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. **[2016-0323-06]**

Executive Session: **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0323-07]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:30 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 8:15 pm. The trustees announced no action taken.

Motion Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2016-0323-08]**

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER