

BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 24, 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.

Paul Moser, president of the library board of trustees, was present, and thanked the trustees again for the use of the town hall during the library renovation. He presented the trustees with a donation to the township from the library. The trustees returned the check to the library as a "redonation", stating helping the community is our job.

Police Protection Report: Officer Westfall reported the big snowfall last week caused a lot of delay and numerous accidents. The trailer stolen from Kamper City was recovered, and the sheriff is making a consolidated case, including the trailer theft, for the grand jury.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mayer's leave has been extended four weeks, to March 22nd. The trustees reviewed several of the many outstanding zoning issues, and the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting the previous evening.

- Although much of the trash pile of siding has been removed from the Godlewski property, a dump truck load of refuse remains parked in the front of the property.
- There has been no change in the Brown/Pruitt property for more than a year.
- The zoning inspector has taken no proper action on the 135 Kendall Park property; it can be cleaned up irrespective of its position in probate.
- Mr. Watal did not appear before the BZA concerning his fence on Boston Mills road. It was noted all public hearing notifications from the Zoning Secretary were mailed to the wrong zip code and consequently returned, undelivered.
- Mr. Bridle did not appear before the BZA with updated site plans. It was noted his order to appear was sent regular mail, not registered.
- It was noted the Zoning Secretary failed to provide packets of review material to the BZA board, as required.

The trustees agreed basic zoning requirements are not being met by the inspector and the secretary, and thus by the township. Trustee Bergdorf will meet with the secretary to review proper procedure. CompCare, the township BWC liaison, will notify Mr. Mayer's doctor that light duty work is available, according to BWC regulations, and Mr. Mayer can use his four weeks filing twelve years of zoning paperwork, and attending to unaddressed zoning issues that can be handled by phone, from a desk. The trustees also discussed the need for an assistant zoning inspector to handle pressing zoning issues during the next four weeks.

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

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 regular meeting. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0224-01]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: The trustees expressed thanks to Road Superintendent Adams for handling the unrelenting snowfall last week. They also expressed thanks to Terry Lahoski and Jerry Ritch for clearing the town hall walks.

Boston/Cuyahoga JEDD and Future Planning: Trustee Ritch said there was little to report; Mike Weant continues to look for funding. Mark Majewski continues to research properties on Akron Cleveland Road, and will report in March. The doctor's hospital in the defunct JEDZ area is being discussed again.

Boston/Peninsula JEDD: No report.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported the District has hired a new Fiscal Officer, Catherine Anson. The District is housing water rescue equipment from Akron, which has new equipment and is staging the old at this end of the county. The district is pursuing several grant applications. Lieutenant Nick Zamisca has requested a one year leave of absence to pursue some new responsibilities.

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Road Department: Road Superintendent Ron Adams reported homeowners will soon receive notice from the county health department addressing septic maintenance issues and annual EPA inspections. The annual MS-4 storm water report will be forwarded to the county engineer. He discussed the availability of a used cutoff saw for \$300. A saw new is \$1,100. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the purchase of the used saw. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0224-02]**

In closing, he thanked the residents of the township for their patience during last week's snow event. A lot of snow fell in a short time, and a lot of travel is required to clear all the township roads.

Other Business: The Fiscal Officer reported the UAN payroll program accrues sick leave for sick leave paid. This can be overridden. **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to allow the accrual of sick leave against sick leave paid. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0224-03]**

The Fiscal Officer reported Star Ohio noticed their checks are being signed by two people, the fiscal officer and a trustee. They want one signature, according to our agreement, or the agreement changed to have two signatures. The trustees asked the fiscal officer to initiate the change to two signatures in the agreement.

Purchase Order: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve purchase order BC36-2016, \$41.43; Postage. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0224-04]**

Approval of Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the current payroll. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0224-05]**

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. **[2016-0224-06]**

Executive Session: **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0224-07]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:10 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 8:00 pm. The trustees announced they have decided to offer the position of Assistant Zoning Inspector to Paul Baker.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to hire Paul Baker as Assistant Zoning Inspector, at the rate of \$225.00 per week; as long as the position is needed. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2016-0224-08]**

The trustees will meet with Mr. Baker at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 29, to explain what is currently needed and outline their expectations.

Motion Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2016-0224-09]**

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER