

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

November 11, 2015

Present: Trustees Amy Anderson, Randy Bergdorf, and Jerry Ritch and Solicitor Ed Pullekens, Road Superintendent Tim Tesmer, and Assistant Road Superintendent Doug Mayer. **Also present:** Peninsula Police Chief Joe Varga and Peninsula Village councilmen Dan Schneider and Mike Matusz. **Absent:** Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Motion by Ritch to ask Bergdorf to take the minutes of the meeting. Second by Anderson. All “aye.” [2015-1111-01]

Trustee Anderson thanked all those who supported the township police levy on Election Day. She also acknowledged the joint efforts of the Peninsula Police, the Valley Fire District and the National Park Service regarding the recent tragedy involving the railroad.

Police Department: Chief Varga stated that Halloween went well with minimal disturbances. The NPS encountered a group of young adults on Stanford Rd. Trustee Anderson reminded all that the non-emergency number for the Peninsula Police is (330) 657-2911. Superintendent Tesmer thanked the Peninsula Police Department for their assistance flagging traffic during the leaf vacuuming process.

Zoning: Inspector Mayer stated that he had been playing “phone tag” with Mr. Bridle. The Padrutt/Conway vacation request was discussed. Trustee Anderson stated that she had filed an official request with the Summit County Engineer’s Office for assistance. Mayer stated that Mr. Watral of Boston Mills Rd. had submitted his application for his already built fence but, as standard protocol dictates, it was rejected and referred to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayer stated that the Zoning Commission is looking at language to cover abandoned buildings and demolition of derelict buildings. Mayer explained that the recent round of cell tower inspections included no specific photos as infractions had been remediated. Trustee Ritch stated that he had not yet reviewed the proposal from Northstar Planning regarding the JEDD area with Cuyahoga Falls. The issue was tabled.

Correspondence: None

Minutes: Motion by Bergdorf to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Second by Ritch. All “aye.” Motion by Bergdorf to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 special meeting as presented. Second by Ritch. All “aye.” [2015-1111-02]

Building and Grounds: Trustee Anderson stated that she had e-mailed Terry Lahoski regarding the malfunctioning lock opposite the Fiscal Officer’s office.

Cuyahoga Falls JEDD: Regarding HB 5, Cuyahoga Falls will adopt the appropriate resolution. Trustee Ritch stated that the efforts to revive the JEDZ have not been successful.

Peninsula JEDD: Trustee Ritch stated that he had talked with Brian Thornburg from RITA. There was a timing issue regarding the remittal from the NPS which caused a delay. Also, the NPS is categorizing employees onto a spreadsheet which should help with 2014 collections. Additionally, the NPS may be able to require a mandatory enrollment for the withholding of JEDD taxes.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported that Boston Heights passed their levy. Also, she reported that for October, Valley Fire handled 48 calls—15 in Boston Heights; 19 in Boston Township; 11 in Peninsula; and 3 mutual aid.

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Road Department: Superintendent Tesmer reported that Richfield Township has requested to use the leaf machine for ½ day. Motion by Bergdorf to allow Richfield Township to use the leaf machine. Second by Ritch. All “aye.” **[2015-1111-03]**

Tesmer stated that he had analyzed prior salt usage and he feels we should be okay for 2015-2016. Tesmer also reported that “No Parking” signs had been installed on Main St. Doug Mayer, speaking as Mayor of Peninsula, made a proposal regarding the sharing of road department equipment and resources. It was reported that at first glance, it should work well for most of the year. Additional help may be needed during winter months for snowplowing. Councilmen Schneider and Matusz commented that they would like to pursue the matter and encouraged a special meeting to discuss the proposal.

Other Business: Fiscal Officer Noragon had left word that the 2016 Appropriations and a renewal of the insurance would need to be handled at the next meeting. Motion by Bergdorf to engage Simple Recycling to collect useable clothing and household goods with the acknowledgement of Kimble. Second by Ritch. All “aye.”
[2015-1111-04]

Regarding the financial statements, Noragon had left word that the extra amount of license plate fees which had been voted in place has been beneficial to the township.

Regarding road salt, there was a motion by Bergdorf to enter into a contract with Peninsula to sell the village salt at a cost of \$54.97 per ton, plus a \$3 per ton loading fee for a period to end on October 31, 2016. Second by Ritch. All “aye.” **[2015-1111-05]**

Bank Reconciliation: Motion by Bergdorf to approve the bank reconciliation for October 2015. Second by Ritch. All “aye.” **[2015-1111-06]**

Payroll: Motion by Bergdorf to approve the payroll as presented. Second by Ritch. All “aye.” **[2015-1111-07]**

Bills: Motion by Bergdorf to approve the bills as presented. Second by Ritch. All “aye.” **[2015-1111-08]**

Other business: Trustee Ritch asked Councilman Schneider about any further discussions regarding the township’s request for a rate reduction for the next year of the police contract. Schneider stated that the discussion had ended in a tied vote.

Executive Session: Motion by Bergdorf to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel issues. Second by Ritch. All “aye” by roll call vote. **[2015-1111-09]**

The trustees entered into the executive session at 7:30 pm. The Trustees went back into regular session at 7:50 pm and reported that no official action was taken during the executive session.

Motion by Bergdorf to invoice Peninsula to correct the error on the salt invoices that were sent out during the winter of 2014-2015. Second by Ritch. All “aye.” **[2015-1111-10]**

CHAIRMAN

VICE-CHAIRMAN