

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

October 14, 2015

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: Trustee Ritch reported on attending the Peninsula Council meeting to discuss holding the last year of the contract at the current price. He expressed his thanks to Council for looking into it. Trustee Ritch made one correction to a statement made at the meeting, and asked Mayor Mayer to convey it to council: the JEDD was already in place when the current police contract was signed.

Chief Varga reported the Towpath Marathon was a large event. They posted repetitive No Parking signs that kept Main Street clear and enhanced pedestrian traffic. It was a very big crowd, and there was sufficient police and EMS.

They will post a cruiser and an officer at the Boston Cemetery on October 30 and 31st. The Chief asked if he could send reports by email in PDF, and the trustees agreed. They can have the reports when released, instead of twice a month.

The Chief additionally reported Summit County will soon confine 911 wireless calls to five call centers, none more north in the county than Cuyahoga Falls. He believes this will be detrimental to the volume of calls, especially from the park district, as 911 operators will not know the source of the call unless the caller knows where he is. The Chief says Twinsburg dispatch has state of the art, Gen4 equipment that can locate a 911 wireless call and route it to the appropriate dispatch station. Trustee Anderson says she will contact both the Summit County Executive and Representative Kostandaras about the issue.

Mark Majewski, Northstar Planning: Mr. Majewski was asked to attend and participate in a discussion of the need of comprehensive planning for the Boston/Cuyahoga Falls JEDD area, the Akron Cleveland Road business district. Trustee Bergdorf said the district is between two growth areas, and we need a game plan. Trustee Anderson added we must be mindful of the residential area adjoining the district, where most residents live. Mr. Majewski outlined an approach to make a set of scenarios for what might come, stating strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. He will get back to the trustees soon with a plan for proceeding.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mayer reported:

- He asked Robert Watral, 2358 Boston Mills Road to make an appointment with him to commence resolving the fence violation.
- He photographed the cell tower issues, but has not forwarded them to the Fiscal Officer.
- He issued a permit to Boston Mills to set up tents for their open house.

Concerning the list of zoning violations carried from meeting to meeting, he said:

- He will meet with Mr. Bridle and have his application ready to present to the BZA before year's end.
- He has not been in contact with Mr. Pruitt.
- The new owner of 25 Kendall Park has cut back vegetation to within the requirement of the law, but it is not adequate. He will ask him again to do more.
- He has not recently contacted the owners of 135 Kendall Park concerning the state of probate.
- He has nothing to report on the house at 324 Geoppert.

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

Approval of Minutes: After review, **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2015 regular meeting. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed.
[2015-1014-01]

Township Buildings and Grounds: The Fiscal Officer reported the loose tumbler in the outside door at her office has yet to be fixed.

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Boston/Cuyahoga JEDD and Future Planning: On October 9, Mike Weant, Marty Griffith and Trustee Ritch went to Columbus and met with representatives from the Small Community Environmental Infrastructure Group which included many Ohio based funding sources for waste water management. Trustee Ritch expressed thanks to Mr. Weant for the excellent presentation. Mr. Ritch was pleased to meet officials of other small communities also looking for funding. There are loans available, but no grants, and the township is not in the position to take on a loan for infrastructure to the business district. It must be developer driven, the reason we must have a strategy for the district. Mr. Weant is looking into alternative grant opportunities, such as a STAG grant through the federal government.

Boston/Peninsula JEDD: The Fiscal Officer reported no progress in getting information from Brian Thunburg for the reason substantial tax credits claimed by Park employees who have filed being deducted from RITA's remittance to the JEDD.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson said the district answered 46 calls in September, 15 in the township, 15 in Boston Heights, 13 in Peninsula, and 2 mutual aid. Matt Sternard has completed paramedic training, using the district training grant. There are issues with some of the equipment; repairs for the two will be about \$7,500.

Trustee Bergdorf expressed thanks to the District and to Mike Packard for the successful in-service training day at the library.

Road Department: Road superintendent Tim Tesmer said he has new address markers ready to be placed. The leaf machine is out picking up leaves and the plows are out of storage for seasonal repairs. There was discussion of use of grits with salt on the roads this winter. After discussion, **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf to use only salt this winter, unless there is no alternative. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2015-1014-02]**

Mr. Tesmer also reported we should take back the plowing of Wetmore Road, which has been done by Cuyahoga Falls the last three years. Their equipment is too heavy for the road, and is causing the road bed to buckle and the edges to crumble. It costs the township about \$2,000 a year to plow the road.

Other Business: After discussion, **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the Simple Recycling contract with its renewal date coinciding with the Kimble contract. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2015-1014-03]**

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum, which has been approved by Cuyahoga Falls. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2015-1014-04]**

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Ritch respond to the National Park Service RFQ for plowing Stanford Road with an quote of \$6,000 to plow for the winter season. The contract renews for the next six years. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2015-1014-05]**

Trustee Anderson reported plans for the Community Christmas Bazaar are coming together. The event will be held December 5th, using the school rooms and the township administrative office.

Trustee Bergdorf reported he will not be here for the November 18th meeting. He is meeting with Summit County Library officials to work out details of using the hall rooms and the township administrative offices for the three week period the library will be recarpeted.

Bank Reconciliation: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the September bank reconciliation. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2015-1014-06]**

Approval of Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the current payroll. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2015-1014-07]**

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. **[2015-1014-08]**

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Executive Session: **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss personal and contracts. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2015-1014-09]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:45 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 8:05 pm. The trustees announced they will table consideration of the road salt contract for Peninsula for the present. In addition, they asked Legal Counsel Pullekens to contact Mr. Hammerly's attorney and explain Mr. Hammerly's options after the Summit County Prosecutor's opinion.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned.
[2015-1014-10]

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER