

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

July 6, 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 6:00 P.M.

The Fiscal Officer stated notice of the special meeting was published in the *Beacon Journal*.

Police Protection Funding: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss options for funding police protection for the township. There followed a lengthy discussion of options available to provide police protection.

The current police levy expires this year and must go to the November ballot. The current 7 mill levy generates \$146,000 per year. The current police contract is \$250,000 per year, and contracted to increase five percent per year over the life of the contract. The current levy generated funds in excess of the contract cost the first four years, which are now exhausted. The shortfall for 2016 will be \$50,000, and increase that much each subsequent year.

It would take about 12 mills to return the fund to solvency through a tax levy. This is too big a burden to put on residents. The current 7 mill levy costs a homeowner \$70 for every thousand dollars of tax valuation. A house with a tax value of \$50,000 pays \$350 per year, or \$175 per half.

The trustees implemented the Boston/Peninsula JEDD for the major purpose of funding police protection. The township does not collect this tax money directly; it must rely on the partner with taxing authority, Peninsula Village. It seems neither the tax administrator nor the collecting agency is vested in collection of this vital tax. The township's revenue is not forthcoming. This does not pay bills. The trustees have already taken the step of exposing the problem and one change, to a new collection agency has been implemented.

The JEDD shortfall is serious, and the loss of up to half the tax revenue for 2014 may never be overcome. For the police fund to remain solvent for the next year the trustees can direct the 2014 collection be transferred to the policing fund. This is not a solution, as policing cost will continue to escalate. Another option is to renegotiate the police contract with Peninsula. Another option is curtailing services such as leaf removal and brush chipping, and cutting back one service department employee.

The trustees decided to replace the current 7 mill levy with a new 7 mill levy. This will not change the tax rate for any homeowner, as township property values continue to decline, leaving the rate unaffected.

BOSTON TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION

O.R.C. SECTION 5705.19(1), 5705.191,
5705.25, 5705.26, 5705.03

The Board of Trustees of Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 6th day of July 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Boston Township Town Hall with the following members present:

Amy Anderson
Randolph Bergdorf
Gerald Ritch

The Clerk advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Trustee Randolph Bergdorf moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-0706-01

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**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF BOSTON TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**

**DECLARING NECESSITY TO LEVY A REPLACEMENT TAX IN EXCESS
OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND
MAINTAINING THE PAYMENT OF CONTRACT COSTS INCURRED AND OTHER
COSTS INCURRED TO OBTAIN POLICE PROTECTION FOR BOSTON TOWNSHIP
AND**

**REQUESTING THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL
CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE UNINCORPORATED PORTION OF BOSTON
TOWNSHIP AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE
GENERATED BY THAT REPLACEMENT LEVY.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Boston Township finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining the payment of contract costs incurred and other costs incurred to obtain police protection for Boston Township; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, this Township must request that the Summit County Fiscal Officer certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the unincorporated portion of Boston Township and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of the Board of Trustees of Boston Township declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy or a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, and the Section of the Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, and requesting such certification, the County Fiscal Officer is to certify the total current tax valuation of the unincorporated portion of Boston Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board declares that it is necessary to levy, for a period of 5 years, a ***Replacement, 7 mill*** ad valorem property tax outside of the ten mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining the payment of contract costs incurred and other costs incurred to obtain police protection for Boston Township and that it intends to submit the question of that ***Replacement*** levy to the electors at an Election on ***November 3, 2015***, as authorized by Section 5705.19 of the Revised Code; said levy is a **Replacement** levy.

Section 2. This Board requests the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of the unincorporated portion of Boston Township and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the **7 mill Replacement** levy specified in Section 1.

Section 3. The Clerk of this Board is authorized and directed to deliver promptly to the Summit County Fiscal Officer a certified copy of this Resolution.

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Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held in meetings open to the public and in compliance with the law.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Trustee Gerald Ritch seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the Resolution the vote was as follows:

Randolph Bergdorf	yes
Amy Anderson	yes
Gerald Ritch	yes

Adopted the 6th day of July 2015

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned.
[2015-0706-02]

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER