

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

September 24, 2014

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.

The trustees asked the community keep former township trustee George Fisher, and his wife, Florence Fisher in their thoughts and prayers. Flo Fisher is extremely ill.

Police Protection Report: Trustee Ritch said there was little to report.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mayer reported the BZA practiced handling an appeal at their last meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes: After review, **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2014 regular meeting. Voting: Anderson, Yes; Ritch, Yes; Bergdorf, No. Motion passed. **[2014-0924-01]**

After review, **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2014 regular meeting. Voting: Anderson, Yes; Ritch, Abstain; Bergdorf, Yes. Motion passed. **[2014-0924-02]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: Trustee Bergdorf said Burda Books will not renew its lease effective March 31, 2015, and has asked to go early.

There was discussion of making the town hall parking lot voluntary pay, as is the Methodist Church lot. It was quickly decided it is not practical.

Mayor Mayer reported Peninsula asked for a cross walk for Riverview and State Route 303, between the town hall and the GAR hall. He also pointed out there is no handicap access from the State Route 303 to the lower level of the town hall or from the upper lot. A short discussion established the incline is too steep to allow wheel chair handicap access.

Boston/Cuyahoga JEDD and Future Planning: Trustee Ritch reported Mike Weant is still working to develop a corridor assessment spreadsheet. Hudson will have estimates in a week for a water line to the corridor.

Boston/Peninsula JEDD: The Fiscal Officer distributed the current collection report and pointed out it remains an unauditable document because CCA's reported collections do not match the amount CCA remits.

The Mayor was asked where Peninsula stands in assessing RITA as a collection agency. He does not know, but volunteered their fiscal officer to attend a meeting and report. It was pointed out to the Mayor time is growing short to make a change of agencies and give businesses affected opportunity for a smooth transition.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported the district hired Lori Shields as their new clerk. The steak dinner will be held the 27th at Station 2, in conjunction with Boston Heights' Fall Festival. Boston Heights has a fire levy on the ballot and the district will be promoting it to the residents.

Concerning the recent recovery incident in the park of a woman who came to the park, Trustee Anderson pointed out the operation cost Valley Fire District \$6,000.00, completely unrecoverable.

Road Department: Road Superintendent Tesmer Melway has completed its work, striping will begin the first of October and the work will be complete.

Other Business: The trustees asked Mayor Mayer if the village would enter a salt contract again this year with the township at cost plus handling. He said the village planned to do so. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to offer Peninsula Village road salt for the 2014/2015 winter at the cost of \$49.73 per ton plus \$3.00 per ton handling charges. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0924-03]**

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After review and discussion of the Budget Commission's 2015 estimated tax collections, **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to certify the amounts to the Budget Commission. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0924-04]**

Trustee Anderson led a discussion of the problems associated with the Towpath Marathon last year including parking violations and road closures. She met with representatives of the event who agreed to changes to mitigate the problems this year. No parking zones and foot and car traffic control will be enforced solely by Peninsula police; no park rangers are permitted to be involved. If the event is not controlled this year, there will be significant changes made next year.

There was another discussion of the problems of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce Sweet Corn Ride through the township in July. The riders did not obey traffic laws; they detained long lines of cars by several abreast of the traffic lane. The trustees agreed to ask the organizer, Sue Serdinak, to attend a meeting and explain how the event will be modified in 2015 to comply with the township's event policy.

The trustees entered into a discussion of the Senior Snowplow program, which cost the township \$4,770.00 last year. It is a worthwhile program; however, the township no longer has the resources to fund it. There are options available to the participants; the current contractor offers both a senior discount and a resident discount. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to discontinue the program. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0924-05]**

After additional discussion of the Share-A-Christmas program and the dearth of volunteerism in the community, Trustee Anderson said she would undertake the program again this year.

The trustees entered a discussion of other township funding sources available by statute. At this time the township collects all funding available except lodging tax and false alarm drop fines. Lodging tax needs more investigation, but we meet the criteria for false alarm fines. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to commence enforcing excess false alarms effective January 1, 2015. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0924-06]**

Reallocation: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the reallocation of \$105.03 from 1000-110-312 (Auditing Services) to 1000-110-315 (Election Expense). Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0924-07]**

Advance: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the repayment advance of \$810.25 from the Police Fund to the General Fund. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0924-08]**

Transfer: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the transfer of \$43,800.00 from Star Ohio to First Merit General Fund, Star Ohio check 8029 signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0924-09]**

Approval of Payroll: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0924-10]**

Approval for Payment of Bills: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Anderson, to pay the bills prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0924-11]**

Executive Session: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss legal issues. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0924-12]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:30 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 7:40 pm.

The Trustees announced no action taken.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded Anderson, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2014-0924-12]**

CO-CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER