

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

August 27, 2014

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Trustees Amy Anderson, Jerry Ritch and Randy Bergdorf; Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon; Legal Counsel Ed Pullekens. Trustee Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Police Protection Report: Chief Varga presented and reviewed the “Peninsula Police Department Senior Watch Program” to the trustees. The program assigns an officer to make a phone call or brief visit to any resident of the jurisdiction who asks to be part of the program. It is purposely comprehensive and inclusive in hope of avoiding another citizen overlooked, as occurred with the death of Pamela Atchison.

After review, **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to extend the program to Boston Township as well. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0827-01]**

The program will be presented at the next Peninsula Council meeting. The Chief would like to have it posted on both web sites, announced in *The Community News*, posted at the library and spread by word of mouth. The Trustees will do all he has asked to implement the Senior Watch Program, and thanked the Chief on behalf of the township for responding from one meeting to the next with the plan.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported:

- Mr. Pruitt has removed one commercial trailer from the property and indicated another trailer will be staged for removal by August 31st.
- Mr. Bridle has resubmitted the April 3, 2014 application, together with an application fee of \$1,050.00. The materials will be reviewed.
- He has not received the Major Properties lot split document map for sign off.

Trustee Ritch reported cleanup is in slow progress at 1050 Woodland.

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 July 23, 2014 regular meeting. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0827-02]**

After review, **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2014 regular meeting. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0827-03]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: No report

Boston/Cuyahoga JEDD and Future Planning: Trustee Ritch reported the sewer assessment spreadsheets continue to be worked on, Hudson is working on a water proposal for the business corridor and there is no additional information on the hospital.

Boston/Peninsula JEDD: The Fiscal Officer distributed the current collection report, such as it is. A line item for “Unreconciled” has been added, there are serious discrepancies in information the CCA has provided. In addition, questions the tax administrator was asked to pursue two weeks ago are unanswered. The Fiscal Officer was asked two weeks ago to ask the Auditor of State for an audit of the Boston/Peninsula JEDD account at CCA, but did not, pending reconciliation of a mid month CCA report with the actual disbursement for August. As they neither reconcile nor tie to any know information from CCA, Ms. Noragon will pursue this with Auditor of State.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported a new clerk, Laurie Shields, has been hired. The district’s steak dinner has been set for September 27th. The district received a \$23,000.00 FEMA grant, 5% match, for fire hose replacement. There was a FEMA audit of recent grants and no discrepancies found. Water training is progressing. The station air conditioning compressor broke and will be replaced. Finally, two members of the department have taken positions with Akron Fire and EMS, a tribute to the district’s training program; a loss to the district.

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Road Department: There was discussion of the three township road projects; Quick Road is open, as is Riverview. Trustee Anderson said the Riverview road work is excellent, but the remediation of private lawns and grass areas leaves much to be desired.

In discussion of Hines Hill the trustees asked their construction in process invoice not be paid until the work is complete and the final invoice received. They want to be sure all the work is done to their satisfaction.

There followed a long discussion of the water problem at the end Geoppert Road, to the Berthold property. Drainage from the last phase of Hidden Lake causes major rain events to drain torrentially through the Berthold lane, destroying the very old culvert providing access to the property. Our road department has not located any agency that is concerned with the problem as the Hidden Lake developer apparently has all the land use permits in order. It has been deemed a "civil case" at this point. Our road department will continue to assist in any way they can.

Other Business: No report.

Transfer: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the transfer of \$60,000.00 from Star Plus to Star Ohio, transaction post dated to September 4th. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0827-04]**

The Fiscal Officer was asked to hold the transfer of the funds to First Merit, in order to pay the Melway Paving invoice, until all Hines Hill work by them is complete.

Approval of Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0827-05]**

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. **[2014-0827-06]**

Executive Session: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0827-07]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:25 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 7:38 pm.

The Trustees said their discussion was of the need to reduce the township payroll, to reduce expenditure. **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Anderson, to lay off Larry Sulzer as zoning inspector, effective August 31, 2014, and make Doug Mayer the zoning inspector, effective September 1, 2014 This action is solely for budgetary purposes. Voting: Anderson, Yes; Ritch, Yes; Bergdorf, No. Motion passed. **[2014-0827-08]**

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2014-0827-09]**

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER