

BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

August 13, 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.

The Trustees extended condolences to Mary Kay Feterle, on the passing of her son, Tim; and to the Lyons family on the loss of their mother, Kitte Kirk Lyons.

Police Protection Report: Chief Varga delivered reports to the trustees. There was no further report.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported:

- There was a meeting August 5th, of Mr. Pullekens, Mr. Fickey, Mr. Pruitt, Mr. Sulzer, Mr. Mayer and Mr. Bergdorf to discuss the cleanup of the Brown/Pruitt property. Mr. Brown was again advised he must clean up the property; Mr. Brown again promised. He has one trailer staged for removal “before this meeting” and promises more in two weeks.
- He had a phone conversation with Mr. Bridle on August 7th; Mr. Bridle promised on August 11th the site plan and supporting checks will be mailed this week.

There followed a long discussion of the event at 25 Kendall Park Road, the unnoticed and unreported death of the owner, Pamela Atchison. The zoning inspector did not enter the property because there was broken glass in the drive. His letter requesting property cleanup was returned, “unable to forward.” Assuming the property vacant, Assistant Inspector Mayer approached the property, noticed unlocked, currently registered vehicles, but the house unapproachable because of overgrown vegetation. He flagged down Chief Varga, who was in the area. Together with two more police officers and Valley Fire the house was entered, and Ms. Atchison was found, deceased, probably for several months.

The trustees led a discussion of the need for a system of community involvement. For example, the post office notified no one of the accumulation of mail, which they eventually returned to senders. Chief Varga will see if the Sheriff’s “Senior List” program is still in effect, and if we can adapt it. At minimum, we need a list of people living alone, on whom visual checks should be made.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 23rd meeting have not been completed.

Township Buildings and Grounds: Trustee Bergdorf reported the pole for the occupancy and address sign has been installed.

Boston/Cuyahoga JEDD and Future Planning: Trustee Ritch distributed the assessment spreadsheets prepared by Mike Weant. The assessment are “higher than normal,” but 1.2 million of cost must be distributed. He will try to tweak the numbers on a benefit basis.

Trustee Ritch spoke again with Hudson, which has water service to SR 303 and Akron Cleveland Road. They are interested in providing water service to the business corridor and will provide estimates. Trustee Ritch is looking for competitive pricing in relation to Cuyahoga Falls water service.

Boston/Peninsula JEDD: Trustee Ritch reported Cuyahoga Falls is moderately interested in providing income tax collection. The Fiscal Officer has made no contact with other potential providers pending the result of Peninsula’s request to RITA for a quote. RITA has said they will collect the income tax for a 2.5% commission and provide all necessary reports. The proposal is going to the next Council meeting.

The Fiscal Officer also reported July collections again are estimated, and are 75% below June collections, also estimated. We are seven months into the program and have no idea what the true collections are and what we can budget going forward. The Fiscal Officer will request an audit of CCA’s Boston/Peninsula JEDD collection from Auditor of State.

Valley Fire District: No report.

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Road Department: Road superintendent Tesmer reported Melway Paving has not met the August 12th paving date due to rain delays. The road will be open August 15th.

Trustee Anderson expressed displeasure at the simultaneous closure of three major roads in the township; Quick, Riverview and Hines Hill. Residents must detour many unnecessary miles. She believes the county should have staggered the scheduling, but did not because so few residents are involved.

Trustee Bergdorf reviewed research he did on the Whaley Road road right of way issue. The road was not dedicated at the end; the residents at the time did not want to pay the associated fees to extend the road to the currently landlocked properties. The engineer has not completed his survey of the end of the road.

Other Business: After discussion, **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to accept the 2014 PILT grant from Summit County. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0813-01]**

The Fiscal Officer distributed the monthly financial report, noting the township continues to draw down its reserves. Budget discussion needs to continue. Trustee Bergdorf noted the township may be able to collect a lodging tax; Mr. Pullekens will look into it. Trustee Anderson asked the Chief for a report of false alarms from park property; the township is able to collect a fee for response to excessive false alarms.

Bank Reconciliation: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the July bank reconciliation. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0813-02]**

Approval of Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0813-03]**

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. **[2014-0813-04]**

Executive Session: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss legal issues and personnel. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0814-05]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:40 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 7:55 pm.

The Trustees reported no action taken

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2014-0814-06]**

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER