

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

March 12, 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.

AMATS: Jason Segedy, AMATS director, gave an overview of the responsibilities of the agency. They help local authorities in their transportation and traffic planning and are a conduit for federal traffic funds. He said he does not believe State Route 8 will become an interstate soon. He agrees the Akron Cleveland Road/Wyoga Lake Road intersection has become a major problem with the development of Hidden Lakes sub-division, and will become worse. He promised to make a study of intersection traffic there a priority.

Police Protection Report: Chief Varga delivered the police reports to the trustees and said they have been very busy with ski lodge investigations.

Trustee Anderson reported on attending a session for communities potentially impacted by the Cleveland/Akron area Gay Games in the spring. Activities originally intended for the Boston area are scaled back only to a rock climbing event at Appalachian Outfitters. Attendance for all the events in the two counties is anticipated to be 18,500.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported that he and Mr. Mayer met with the owners of the old Bencin property, John Pagano and Daniel Bridle. Mr. Bridle is purchasing the property on land contract from Mr. Pagano. They were told they need a valid business permit and a zoning application must be filed. He has no firm commitment from Mr. Bridle to comply. The men were told to remove the vehicles improperly parked in the road right of way.

Slight movement has been noted on the Brown/Pruitt property; no permit application has been received for the pool/hot tub at 244 Kendall Park.

After discussion of administrative review fees in place in other communities, **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to add an Administrative Review fee of \$100.00 to the township zoning fee schedule. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0312-01]**

There was discussion of the complaint by the Fiscal Officer that tree stump grinding at ProTree on March 5th rumbled her house for several hours. The zoning inspector suggested it may have been movement of vehicles at Sunbelt, but was instructed to make a full report after investigation.

The next zoning personnel workshop will be held March 17th.

Correspondence: The trustees reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting, including the letter from Attorney Al Schrader, thanking us and saying he would be of service for our next project.

Approval of Minutes: After review, **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2014 Public Hearing. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0312-02]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: Trustee Bergdorf reported that as the Peninsula Planning Commission clerk failed to mail notice to adjoining landowners the application for a sign variance for 1775 Main Street was not decided.

Boston/Cuyahoga JEDD and Future Planning: Trustee Ritch reported on the meeting between Boston trustees, the new Cuyahoga Falls mayor and members of his staff. Both entities appear eager to cooperate on JEDD matters. There will be a meeting of the JEDD board on March 19th.

The sewer program remains on Mike Weant's agenda.

The Fiscal Officer reported reviewing the annexation sharing agreement with Brian Hoffman, new treasurer of Cuyahoga Falls. Although he had no idea of its existence, Scott Fitzsimmons remains from the prior administration and will explain it to Mr. Hoffman.

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Boston/Peninsula JEDD: The Fiscal Officer reported resolving a serious problem with tax collections from the national park. She received no cooperation from either the Peninsula clerk, who is the tax administrator or from the CCA administrator, and wants to record to reflect neither made a sincere effort to administer their duties to collect JEDD taxes.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported the department is busy with the ski resorts; they are involved in six to seven calls at a time. The ski season hopefully ends this week. They are involved in fifteen to sixteen calls a month. Five people are in the swift water class, which is going well. The department is losing Mike Goodrich to a position in Indiana. Joe Varga may obtain a position in Columbus. This is what the men trained for, but it is sad to see them go.

Trustee Anderson addressed the recent fire at Spicy Lamb Farm, a park rental property that apparently was uninsured, in addition to the usual problem of paying no real estate taxes and receiving all services free. This fire drew heavily on the resources of three departments, Valley Fire, Richfield and Hudson, and cost thousands of dollars to contain. The community pays the actual cost of all services to park employees and lessees; maintaining and plowing roads, educating children in school, police, EMS, and putting out fires.

Road Department: The trustees revisited the Ohio Edison quote for removal of the street light at 1239 Hines Hill Road. The cost is \$967.00; payback is recalculated at about twenty years. Trustee Anderson has a request in to the park to fund the removal of the light.

Other Business: The trustees reviewed reports of salt usage for the winter and the cost of the senior snowplow program.

Appropriations/Reallocations: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the reallocation of \$13,000.00 from 1000-110-599 (Other) to 1000-330-420 (Highway operating supplies. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0312-03]**

Bank Reconciliation: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the February bank reconciliation prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0312-04]**

Approval of Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0312-05]**

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. **[2014-0312-06]**

Executive Session: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss personnel. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2014-0312-07]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:45 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 8:00pm.

The Trustees announced no other action taken.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2014-0312-08]**

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER