

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

December 23, 2013

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.

Oath of Office: Judge Kim Hoover administered the oath of office to re-elected trustees Amy Anderson and Jerry Ritch.

Police Protection Report: A police representative dropped off the current police reports.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported

- No answer to messages from the owner of the old Bencin property, or from the owner of the Hi-Lif equipment displayed on the property.
- No response from J&M Brooklyn, the owner of the old Bencin property. A Land Contract between the party above and J&M was recorded in November. Both parties will receive a zoning violation notification.
- Crown Castle, owner of the cell tower on the Jim Jones Construction property, has not responded to Mr. Sulzer's request they comply with established procedure before further upgrading their tower.
- A new Verizon Wireless tower is rumored for the "Kendall Lake area." He has left a voice message for their representative, Bernard Yantz of Traverse City, Michigan, that a new tower can be located only in the Business Corridor District.

Trustee Bergdorf reported a phone call with Bobby Pruitt. Mr. Pruitt is "working on it," and relying on the kindness of friends to haul things out of the Akron Cleveland Road property.

Trustee Bergdorf said the next zoning staff meeting is January 6th. He was also asked to remind the zoning secretary time is running short for advertising the Accessory Building public meeting.

Correspondence: The trustees reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the November 27, 2013 regular meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Trustee Anderson said she wished to delay the approval of the minutes until she could discuss a portion of the minutes further.

Township Buildings and Grounds: Trustee Bergdorf said the roof is nearing completion. The dedication of the crew has kept the project on schedule in spite of the terrible weather conditions they faced.

Boston/Cuyahoga JEDD and Future Planning: Trustee Ritch reported Mike Weant is working on an application to the Water Pollution Control Fund and hopes to have it ready for next week. Mr. Weant is also investigating the Rural Community Assistance Program as another funding source and will involve both Trustee Ritch and Marty Griffith when he knows more.

Boston/Peninsula JEDD: Trustee Ritch reminded those present the next meeting of the Boston/Peninsula JEDD Board at 6 PM on January 8, 2014, before the next meeting of the Township Trustees. The Fiscal Officer reported speaking with every business/employer in the JEDD area to encourage filling out paperwork and offer assistance. Of the ten employers, eight belong to the Central Collection Agency or have mailed registrations. Two of the farms, Goatfeathers and Basket of Life will need more assistance in understanding the process; she will get back with them after the holidays.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson thanked Valley Fire for delivering Share-a-Christmas on December 21st, with help from Boston Heights Mrs. And Mr. Santa. The new squad is delivered and operational. Nolan Ryan has passed testing and become another paramedic for the District.

Road Department: No report.

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Other Business: Trustee Ritch reported Joe Paradise of the Engineer's Office has requested a township request for engineering assistance for their help in commencing the sound wall project. After discussion, **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, the township request assistance in developing an application with the ODOT/Ohio Turnpike Infrastructure Commission for noise walls on the Ohio Turnpike in Boston Township. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-1223-01]**

In other housekeeping matters, the trustees signed their renewal application with the Ohio Plan and executed the current Summit County discretionary PILT agreement. A work session for budgetary matters will be discussed at the next meeting.

The fiscal presented a new salt agreement for Peninsula, offering them the lower 2013/2014 winter season salt price, now that previous salt contract with Cargill is fulfilled. **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to reduce the salt contract price to Peninsula to \$39.84 per ton with an additional \$3.00 per ton handling charge. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-1223-02]**

Trustee Anderson again thanked Allstate, Mother of Sorrows Church, the Methodist Church, the Sergis and Lida and Tony Brandt for their contributions that made Share-A-Christmas a success.

Reallocation: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to reallocate \$140.00 from 1000-110-311, Legal fees, to 1000-110-381, Property insurance premiums; and, \$965.00 from 1000-110-230, Workers Comp to 1000-110-141, Salary, legal counsel. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-1223-03]**

Purchase Orders: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve Purchase order 11-2013, Love Insurance, \$9,640.00, Property insurance premiums, 1000-110-381. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-1223-04]**

Approval of Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-1223-05]**

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. **[2013-1223-06]**

Executive Session: **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss contracts. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-1223-07]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:10 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 7:30 pm.

The Fiscal Officer can report the minutes of the previous meeting were not signed. No other business transpired.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2013-1223-08]**

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER