

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

**October 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.

**Police Protection Report:** Chief Joe Varga presented three drafts of the proposed Peninsula police protection contract. Mayor Bill Goncey, Boston Heights, also attended the meeting for the purpose of stating that village would like to bid on police coverage for the township. He delivered a letter of that intent and said their bid would be delivered to Trustee Ritch within one week.

**Zoning:** Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported

- An equipment rental company, High-Lif Rental Equipment proposes purchasing the Bencin property; they anticipate closing in the next few weeks. There are two pieces of rental equipment already on the property. Mr. Sulzer explained commencing the zoning permit process to Mr. Daniel Bridle, the potential owner, and additionally warned him there are existing conditions to be remediated.
- The Boy Scout camp is waiting for an easement letter from the National Park to submit in order to obtain a zoning permit for the new lodge.

Bob Pruitt and attorney Fickey were in not in attendance. Today is the deadline given for resolution of property clean up. Mr. Mayer requested his report of progress be made in executive session, for the reason of pending litigation. The trustees agreed.

The next first Monday meeting of zoning personnel will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The trustees reviewed the minutes of the October 9, 2013 regular meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-1023-01]**

**Township Buildings and Grounds:** Todd Clarke, representing the hall committee, attended the meeting to present alternate building sign options to take to Village Council for zoning permits. Mr. Clarke also said he is the new point of contact to report building issues to the Hall Committee.

Two trustees, the Fiscal Officer and the Assistant Road Superintendent presented building issues that remain unaddressed for months and even years. Mr. Clarke was given the following list of unaddressed problems:

- An exterior wood door remains unpainted on the interior since spring of 2013
- The lower level bulletin board still has the mold issue first reported in June, 2013
- Occupant signage at the front of the building, selected in May 2013, is not in place
- A hall light bulb, reported to the BTHC on October 17<sup>th</sup>, has not been replaced
- A toilet in the lower washroom does not flush properly, reported October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- There is no occupant signage at the lower level, requested in 2006.
- There are substantial puddles in the parking lot after a rain (October, 2013)
- The moisture collecting under the lower level walk off mat is unaddressed (2011)
- The Chamber sign has not been removed from the corner
- There is black mold and a tree issue on the east side of the building (September, 2013)
- Issues with trees on the front lawn remain unaddressed (June, 2013)

Trustee Anderson reminded Mr. Clarke a township benefactor offered to remove the dead and dying trees; the Hall Committee responded they would assess the trees and give the Trustees a recommendation for caring for them. The Hall Committee has made no report to the Trustees.

Trustees Anderson and Ritch remarked on the general disrepair of the building, citing the need for tuck pointing on the brick building and the peeling paint apparent all over the building. The Fiscal Officer said the Hall Committee is not responsive to the needs of the tenants. Mr. Clarke responded the committee is staffed only by volunteers. No consensus was reached.

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**Future Planning and JEDD:** Trustee Ritch reported speaking with Mike Weant, who is waiting to hear from the Water Pollution Control Fund.

Meet the Candidates night is October 24<sup>th</sup>; the trustees will be present to answer questions about the Economic Activity District JEDD.

**Valley Fire District:** Trustee Anderson reported the new squad is expected in mid November; the District secured a loan for the financing. The next scheduled fire class is close to filled. The District still needs a washer and dryer, and hopes someone in the community can donate a used set. Scott Duber is working on equipment grants for 2014; fire inspections in all communities have begun; Eddie Yost is working to bring Boston Heights equipment up to standard. She expressed get well wishes to Assistant Chief Dave Morehouse and announced the Share-A-Christmas sorting will be conducted on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and deliveries made on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Road Department:** Road Superintendent Tesmer reported replacement address markers will cost about \$1,650, not the \$600 originally thought. The trustees looked at and discussed alternatives. Because none of the alternatives met the standard of the current fifteen year old markers, the trustees decided to purchase the same markers. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded Ritch to approve the purchase of fifty markers from I-Ten, at the higher cost. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-1023-02]**

Mr. Tesmer also reported the electronic box on the little dump truck is inoperable and cannot be repaired. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded Ritch to approve the repair, at \$900. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-1023-03]**

Mr. Tesmer and Mr. Pullekens continue working with the National Park to pressure EQ into proper and timely repairs on Hines Hill.

**Other Business:** Trustee Ritch reported the township is on the list for the noise mitigation program. We will be notified when it is time to apply.

**Approval of Payroll:** **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-1023-04]**

**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. **[2013-1023-05]**

**Executive Session:** **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss litigation. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-1023-06]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:20 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 7:40 pm.

The Trustees announced they will move forward with the removal process on the Brown-Pruitt property.

**Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded Anderson, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2013-1023-07]**

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CHAIRMAN

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FISCAL OFFICER