

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

September 25, 2013

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

Building and Grounds: Todd Clarke, Boston Township Hall Committee, presented the sign the Committee proposes to place in front of the existing lamp post. The sign will require three variance requests from Peninsula zoning; a height variance, a support variance and a second sign variance. The last variance is because the Chamber has its informational sign on the corner. The committee will try to bring the sign into compliance for height and support, reducing the variances to one. A permit is fifty dollars, the three variances would cost \$350.

In discussion, the trustees said they understood there was a permit for the Chamber sign, but probably was issued to the Chamber, not to the trustees, as required. They will check on this before the next meeting.

The Fiscal Officer also requested of Mr. Clarke the Committee update the sign board outside the lower level door.

Police Protection Report: Chief Joe Varga delivered the final accounting of hours paid but not covered; \$6,004.98 over the past two years. In discussion, Chief Varga said services billable to the township, such as court appearances, had not been billed. In a heated discussion he also said the township currently is in breach of contract for not making the September payment. The trustees told Chief Varga the township is not responsible for services the Village did not bill; however, the township did pay for service not given. Additionally, the township is not in breach; it is still September and the September payment, less credit, will be delivered tomorrow.

The Chief and the Mayor said the department is still in flux and reorganizing; service will be much smoother going forward.

Trustee Ritch again asked Chief Varga to please be in touch with Lt. Joe Manning, the section chief responsible for enforcing engine brake restrictions at the turnpike bridge and discuss the importance of better enforcement and accountability.

Zoning: Bob Pruitt and attorney Fickey were in attendance. Mr. Mayer reported securing as many VIN's as possible and submitting to the police for title search. Mr. Pruitt and Mr. Fickey requested an additional couple of months to remove the trailers from the property, as two sites Mr. Pruitt had looked into "had gone wrong." Mr. Fickey said significant progress has been made; the township would never recover the cost of cleaning the property; Mr. Pruitt said if nothing went wrong he could be done in thirty days. The Trustees asked Mr. Mayer to have a quote on removal of trailers, tires, vehicles and trash for the next meeting, where Mr. Fickey is to present new concrete plans.

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

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the September 11, 2013 regular meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the minutes. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-925-01]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: The exit door remains unpainted on the inside. The notice board has not been replaced. Trustee Bergdorf said at the last Hall Committee meeting both Jim Hammond and Terry Lahoski told him it would be done. Mr. Mayer reported the windows will be painted soon.

Roof replacement will begin within one week and will take a month. All affected have been notified there will be scaffolding. The roof is the last major restoration project.

Future Planning and JEDD: Trustee Ritch Mike Wendt and Don Gallimore, DOES, are meeting with the water fund in Columbus; we will be included in the meeting.

Valley Fire District: The Trustees expressed their condolences to the family of Grover Miller on his passing. The group recalled Grover Miller's contributions to the community. He and John Puchalsky spearheaded the new fire department building. Grover Miller undertook the building

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of the police station in Peninsula. He held several patents for his businesses, and was an expert wood craftsman.

Road Department: Road Superintendent Tesmer reported applications for 2014 Park road assistance grants are due October 15th. Although there appears to be no federal money available he will bring applications for Hines Hill slag seal projects for trustee review to the next meeting.

The Fiscal Officer reported the CUE agreed upon cost for road salt for the current season is \$39.84/ton. The 120 tons currently in the salt barn represented the obligatory balance of the last contract at \$44.81 per ton. She said Peninsula should be invoiced at the current contract until the current load of salt is used.

Other Business: Trustee Ritch reported speaking with Andrew Briner of ODOT and being told the five million dollar community sound mitigation program will be rolled out soon; the township is on the list to be notified 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. **[201-0925-02]**

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. **[2013-0925-03]**

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2013-0925-04]**

CO-CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER