

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

September 11, 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.

Trustee Anderson requested a moment of silence to remember the events of September 11, 2001.

Police Protection Report: Chief Joe Varga delivered reports requested by the trustees and said in future he will have call reports, shift schedules and shift reports emailed to the trustees. He is streamlining paper work for the purpose of keeping an officer on the road, not at the desk, completing paperwork.

The chief presented a schedule noting the township is due a refund of \$4,377.78 for hours scheduled but not covered in June and July of 2013. The trustees said they would discuss the matter in executive session.

The trustees and the chief discussed the traffic situation at the Boston station. They were very disappointed in Chief Ranger Chris Ryan, who did not deal with overflow traffic sensibly when it became apparent there were not enough No Parking signs placed every two feet in order for no parking to be effectively enforced. Chief Varga said the County Engineer has placed the extra signs.

The trustees discussed the merits of the Summit County Crash Response Team and the Sheriff's Crash Response Team. **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch to enter into a mutual aid agreement with the Summit County Crash Response Team. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0911-01]**

Trustee Ritch 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: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported on administrative matters. Concerning the Brown/Pruitt property, Assistant Zoning Inspector Mayer reported the Geoppert Road residential property is essentially cleared; everything is moved to the Akron Cleveland Road property and staged for removal. Mr. Pullekens reiterated the importance of obtaining the VIN numbers of the vehicles remaining on the property. Mr. Pruitt has until September 25th to have the property cleared.

Mr. Tesmer and Mr. Mayer reported encountering trucks exiting Sullivan Road, from dumping fill dirt of topsoil and concrete on the Kline property. Mr. Jura remains of the opinion he can fill in the wetland. Summit Soil and Water has been notified and will see if he has permits. The EPA and the Corps of Engineers has been notified, as well.

The Keenan /Akron Cleveland Road perpetual yard sale has recommenced. Trustee Bergdorf reported the zoning resolution regulating Yard Sales is on the way to the Summit County Planning Commission.

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

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the August 28, 2013 regular meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to approve the minutes. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0911-02]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: The exit door remains unpainted on the inside. The notice board has not been replaced. **Motion** by Anderson seconded by Ritch to approve the window painting proposal for \$500.00, inclusive, presented by Timothy Blower.. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0911-03]**

Future Planning and JEDD: Trustee Ritch reported he and Marty Griffith continue to work with Mike Weant on writing grant proposals for funding. Cuyahoga Falls has not yet presented a letter to mail to Seasons Road residents about the sewer.

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Trustee Bergdorf circulated the post card the trustees will mail to the residents asking for support of Issue 37, approval of the Economic Activity District JEDD and contract with Peninsula. There was the usual kerfuffle at the Board of Elections, which cannot come to an understanding that the township only votes on the issue. The usual supporting legal opinion from the Summit County Prosecutor's office has been provided to the Board of Elections.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported the contract has been signed by Boston Heights Council and expanded, twenty four hour service to the township and both villages commences September 29th. On September 29th there will be a parade of equipment at 1 p.m. from Valley's station to Boston Height's station, in celebration, culminating in a celebratory cook-out at the Heights station. A new squad has been ordered for delivery the end of November. She also reported that Brent Bergdorf is full time with Barberton, which prohibits working for another fire department, so he is on inactive status at Valley Fire.

Road Department: Road Superintendent Tesmer reported meeting with Jeff Hartland from EQ. They have commenced work according to the County Engineer's specifications. Mr. Pullekens explained the parties have two years remaining to file a lawsuit against EQ should Hines Hill not be repaired to the requirement. EQ is on notice.

After discussion, **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch to enter into a contract with Peninsula to supply salt, at the same rate as last season.. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed.

[2013-0911-04]

The trustees asked the Road Superintendent to look into obtaining replacement address markers.

Other Business: Trustee Ritch reported asking our representatives Kostandaras, Slaby and LaRose to support the township in lobbying for funding of sound mitigation walls.

The trustees discussed the Summit County executive's dismissal of the township request to make the county voluntary PILT redistribution to affected entities permanent. When the Fiscal Officer began the project several years ago, the county said their PILT funding was "a drop in the bucket." In dismissing the request, the executive said he did not feel it "appropriate to bind future Executives and Councils to make the same distribution, particularly in light of what could be unforeseeable financial situations for the County in the future." Trustee Anderson said our representative Nick Kostandaras also dismissed her discussion of the action. She will approach Bill Roemer, At-Large representative and see if a presentation could be made to council.

The lost Record of Proceedings Book January 1934 through April 5, 1948 has been returned. The trustees expressed thanks to former trustee John Johnston for taking care of it.

Bank Reconciliation: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to accept the August bank reconciliation presented by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

[2013-0911-05]

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

[201-0911-06]

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.

[2013-0911-07]

Executive Session: **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss contracts. All voting, YES. Motion passed.

[2013-0911-08]

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:38 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 7:41 pm.

The Trustees announced no action taken.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned.

[2013-0911-09]

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER