

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

August 28, 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: Officer Mike Phillips delivered reports for the month and shift schedules. He reported on an underage OVI/Crash on Oak Hill, a dog bite on Keenan, thefts on Akron Cleveland.

Peninsula's new police chief, Joe Varga, was introduced. Trustee Ritch reviewed the anticipated report schedule. Chief Varga said he will email the weekly shift schedule and the other reports will be delivered in paper, as requested. The trustees discussed restitution for shift hours not covered over the last year. Chief Varga is preparing a schedule of hours to reimbursed. The township will withhold the monthly contract payment until the matter is resolved. The chief and Mayor Mayer said the village has tightened its operation, which will benefit both the village and the township.

The Trustees discussed the Steam Train being currently in operation, through mid September. The loading/unloading arrangements are a nuisance. In order to mitigate congestion, **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch to request the Summit County Engineer keep No Parking signs from Hines Hill Road to Riverview Road for the period of September 4 to September 17. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0828-01]**

The police were instructed to be vigilant in enforcing the parking restriction and issuing tickets to violators.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported he has observed activity on the Brown/Pruitt property, and turned the discussion over to Mr. Mayer. Mr. Mayer reported having no opportunity to inspect the property in the last two weeks, but Mr. Brown has contacted him and reported progress in removing trailers.

Trustee Bergdorf circulated a corrected version of the township zoning district map for final review before the map is posted on the web site.

Trustee Bergdorf circulated the peddler and garage and yard sale language recommended for the zoning resolution. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to refer the revisions to the Summit County Planning Commission for their review.. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0828-02]**

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

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the August 14, 2013 regular meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0828-03]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: Trustee Ritch reported Jim Hammond continues to tell him the exit door will be painted on the inside. Mr. Hammond does say he has ordered a new insert for the bulletin board. Trustee Bergdorf reports no progress on an address marker with tenant names for the building. Mr. Mayer reports Mr. Blower will be around this week with a contract for painting the windows.

Future Planning and JEDD: Trustee Ritch reported Mr. Dimasi has sent a draft of the petition to be sent to residents along Seasons Road to the DOES for their review. The letter will be mailed by the Department of Environmental Services.

He and Zoning Commission member Marty Griffith will get help from Mike Weant in writing grant proposals for sewer funding.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported the contract has been accepted 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.

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Two Boston Heights department members have applied to Valley and put on the roster, bringing the total of Heights personnel to six. There are 41 on the current roster.

Trustee Anderson again expressed thanks to Boston Heights for their confidence in Valley Fire District.

Road Department: Road Superintendent Tesmer reported meeting with EQ. They have the specifications from the County Engineer, which they must meet. 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.

The trustees discussed the senior snowplow program and agreed to continue it for another year.

The trustees discussed the cost of maintaining Wetmore, the potential loss of both PILT and income tax revenue, and the sheer size of the property demanded by Cuyahoga Falls in exchange for their maintenance of the road. **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, for the township to keep Wetmore Road, keep it open, maintain it, and removed its vacation from the Summit County Council agenda . Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0828-04]**

Other Business: Trustee Ritch spoke with Chet Armstrong, a public relations official of the Ohio Turnpike Commission. Mr. Armstrong explained the commission is obtaining five million dollars for sound mitigation on the turnpike; he will let us know when it becomes available and advocate for sound mitigation on the turnpike bridges. The trouper in charge of ticketing braking offenses at the bridges will be asked to be more vigilant.

Appointments: After discussion, **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to reappoint Marty Griffin to the Zoning Commission board, term expiring September 4, 2018. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0828-05]**

Approval of Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[201-0828-06]**

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. **[2013-0828-07]**

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2013-0828-08]**

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER