

BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

August 14, 2013

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

Police Protection Report: Trustee Anderson reported no major incidents since the last meeting. A police officer delivered a month's stack of police reports. Shift report copies requested a month ago by Trustee Ritch have not been delivered.

Ms. Anderson asked Peninsula mayor Mayer the outcome of the police chief appointment at the Monday council meeting. The mayor had to report that after a motion to accept his nominee the four outgoing members of council held a discussion on their perceived impropriety of his selection process and the appointment of his candidate was tabled.

Ms. Anderson asked if there had been discussion of the township's policing contract at the meeting. The contract did come under discussion during Peninsula Council meeting, when it was revealed the acting police chief had supplied half the required number of officers for township duty, without notifying the mayor or the township. This has been the staffing level since last October and probably longer. Ms. Anderson expressed her extreme disappointment in the violation of confidence in the village. Trustee Bergdorf asked if the problem has been fixed. The mayor could not answer the question. The contract has been breached.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported

- Speaking with Ionel Jura of Boston Car and learning Mr. Jura says he has purchased the property at 5393 Akron Cleveland Road and is attempting to correct drainage issues from 5600 Sullivan Road. The property at 5393 is classified a wetland. It became a wetland due to improper dumping by Mr. Jura and has been flooded so long it is classified a wetland. Mr. Jura cannot change the status without involvement by the EPA.
- Mr. Pruitt has hired a contractor to clean up his properties; there is activity at the site at this time. Mr. Fickey is unable to attend the trustee meeting due to schedule conflicts.
- He visited the Jett property to notify them of a neighbor's complaint about a day of constant shooting and ATV running. Mrs. Jett told him they contact the Peninsula Police department prior to shooting, and try to keep the ATV activity within reason. She said after twenty five years, these two activities only recently have become an issue.
- He received a letter from Gary Gole, a neighbor to Todd Liebenauer, explaining his drainage issue with the Liebenauer property. Mr. Sulzer has discussed his options with Mr. Gole, who says some issues, such as gutters and downspouts, are being addressed by Mr. Liebenauer. Mr. Liebenauer has met all zoning requirements. Trustee Bergdorf will make the written response requested by Mr. Gole.

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

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the July 124, 2013 regular meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0814-01]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: Trustee Ritch's written report for the meeting said the bulletin board outside the door will be cleaned up or repaired. He also asked when the window painting will be done; Mr. Mayer said Mr. Blower will drop off the contract this week.

The Fiscal Officer said tenant concerns first raised in March remain unaddressed. Two pressing concerns are the unscrubbed toilets and the pool of water constantly under the walk off mat at the door. Trustee Anderson said the tenants must address concerns directly to the Hall Committee.

The tenants would also like a date for the installation of an address sign and tenant list for the building. The plan was first presented to the trustees on May 8th. Trustee Bergdorf said the Committee continues to assemble the information necessary to request the trustees to apply to the Village for a sign permit.

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Future Planning and JEDD: Trustee Ritch's written report said Mr. Dimasi has sent a draft of the petition to be sent to residents along Seasons Road to the DOES for their review. Mr. Dimasi is waiting for their response before sending it.

The hospital is still seeking funding.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported the fire district signed the contract to provide fire and EMS service to Boston Heights for an annual fee of \$240,000.00; the District will lease the Heights' buildings and equipment for a total of \$40,000.00. The contract is at Boston Heights council meeting tonight.

Service to the entire district will be twenty four hours a day. Daytime service will leave from the Dogwood station, nighttime service from the Heights station, which has bunk facilities. Dispatch will continue from Richfield. There will be one paramedic on each shift. Staffing will be two or more for each shift. The contract will begin September 1st. There will be twenty four hour, seven day a week coverage for all communities,. The department is increasing staff to fulfill the contract; seven new members were hired at the last meeting.

Road Department: The Hines Hill remediation by EQ Company is not approved by the Summit County Engineer. Mr. Pullekens explained there is a short time left to obtain agreement by EQ to the \$225,000 in repair estimated by the Engineer, or EQ's bond will be called in. Additional funding for repair of the road may be had under a federal decree to EQ to repair the road within a time frame or pay a penalty. The penalty is being accrued by the National Park. Notice has been given EQ to come to agreement before their bond expires, on September 2nd.

Trustee Anderson explained a severe parking problem at Trail Mix, where cars are parking on both sides of the road, impeding traffic. **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, to request the Summit County Engineer place No Parking signs from Hines Hill Road to Riverview Road. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0814-02]**

Other Business: From his written report for the meeting, Trustee Ritch said he talked with Adam Greensleve regarding turnpike noise mitigation and learned ODOT is currently working on a mitigation survey. They were given a five million dollar grant for this study. Any systems installed will be funded by ODOT. Mr. Greensleve also said he would talk with the new state trouper in charge, the third this year, and stress enforcement in our area.

There was a discussion of leaving the *Plain Dealer* for advertising and placing administrative and zoning ads with the *Beacon Journal* or the *West Side Leader*. The *Plain Dealer* is no longer delivered daily. The *Beacon Journal* and the *West Side Leader* accept only credit cards.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, to authorize the Fiscal Officer to obtain a bank credit card for the township.. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0814-03]**

The Fiscal Officer said delivery of the new UAN computer is expected in the next several days. The current UAN computer will become available for Zoning, but will need software installed. **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, to authorize the Fiscal Officer to have the software installed by ProbeTech. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0814-04]**

Bank Reconciliation: **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, to approve the July bank reconciliation. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0814-05]**

Approval of Payroll: **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0814-06]**

Approval for Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, to pay the bills prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0814-07]**

Executive Session: **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, to enter executive session to discuss litigation. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0814-08]**

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The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:45 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 8:00 pm.

The Trustees announced no action taken.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned.
[2013-0724-04]

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER