

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

July 24 2013

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Trustees Amy Anderson, Randy Bergdorf and Jerry Ritch; 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: Trustee Ritch had no report. Mayor Mayer reported chief testing is close to completion.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported attending the BZA meeting and issuing a permit to a resident for an accessory building. Assistant Inspector Mayer reported receiving a letter from the brother of Harvey Rogers, who is the current owner of the property, assuring township officials he would be a good or even better resident.

Ken Fickey, representing Bobby Pruitt and the Brown property, made a presentation of the current cleanup plan. Using an aerial map of the properties he explained the trash from the residential parcel on Geoppert Road would be removed to the parcel on Akron Cleveland road for staging for disposal together with the items on that lot. This would probably be completed in sixty days; an additional forty five days might be requested. The trustees questioned both the intent and the ability to complete in sixty days a project that has been ignored and compounded for two years. Mr. Fickey questioned the validity of the township's court order to clear the property and intimated he could halt all progress if his plan was not accepted. The Trustees saw his threat and raised him twelve hours to cool off. They will deliver a response from the township assistant zoning inspector in the morning, following an executive session to discuss litigation.

Correspondence: Trustee Anderson read a letter from Russ Pry, Summit County Executive, requesting the township support an amendment to the Summit County 9-1-1 Plan by adopting a resolution to approve a new public safety answering point created in the consolidation of Copley, Norton and Barberton into the Southwest Summit Council of Governments. Boston Township is not in that 9-1-1 public safety answering point, but supports the consolidation of such answering points. **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to approve the new public safety answering point. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0724-01]**

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the July 10, 2013 regular meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0724-02]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: Trustee Ritch reported a quote of \$300 per window from Centaur to paint the windows and a quote from Tim Blower of \$500 to paint all the windows using paint the township has left from the initial painting. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to authorize Tim Blower to paint the windows for a cost not to exceed \$500. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0724-03]**

Trustee Ritch additionally reported Jim Hammond says the gap in the exterior door will be addressed, and its interior painted. The lower level bulletin board case will be repaired or replaced.

Trustee Bergdorf said the Hall Committee will begin replacing the slate roof in October. An area has been prepped for delivery of the slate. The Committee will have an operating cushion of seven to eight thousand dollars after the roof is paid for.

Future Planning and JEDD: Trustee Ritch reported no letter to their residents has been forthcoming from Cuyahoga Falls and it is pointless to attempt any progress until they move.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported an agreement of intent has been reached with Boston Heights to include them in the District. The District will provide fire and EMS service to Boston Heights for an annual fee; the District will lease the Heights' buildings and equipment. 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.

Trustee Anderson said this is a good agreement for all parties. The township and village will have continuous coverage, Boston Heights will have EMS coverage readily available. Boston Heights personnel will be able to apply to the District and be hired on completion of testing and training. Valley is perceived as a good employer and applicants will be pleased by the

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expanded hours. The enlarged district will be in a better position to receive cooperative funding grants.

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. Some relevant letters and other paperwork need assembled by the township.

The Fiscal Officer reported about \$4,000 would be forfeited from the Summit County voluntary PILT distribution of approximately \$20,000 if the proposed Wetmore annexation acreage belonged to Cuyahoga Falls. She questioned if it cost that much to plow, mow and ditch the road. The Fiscal Officer and road department personnel will prepare a list of the road's maintenance cost for the next meeting.

Other Business: The Township's *West Side Leader* reporter, Pam Lifke, told the trustees and members of the audience this would be her last meeting; she is leaving for another job. The Trustees, and those in attendance, expressed gratitude to her for her fair and thorough reporting of township meetings these several years.

Reallocation: Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the reallocation of \$5,000.00 from 1000-110-599 (Miscellaneous) to 1000-110-141 (Salary Legal Counsel). Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0724-04]**

Approval of Payroll: Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0724-05]**

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. **[2013-0724-06]**

Executive Session: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss litigation. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2013-0724-06]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:56 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 8:10 pm.

The Trustees announced they are instructing Legal Counsel Pullekens to send a letter to Ken Fickey, attorney for Bobby Pruitt, requiring sign-off on the following schedule:

1. He and Mr. Pruitt will report to the Trustees on August 14th they accept the schedule.
2. On August 28th they will show the Geoppert Road parcel has been cleared.
3. Thirty days from that date, Friday, September 25th, the Akron-Cleveland Road parcel will be clear.
4. Failure to accept or comply with any point will result in the property being entered and cleared by the township, at its will.

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

[2013-0724-04]

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER