

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

October 10, 2012

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 reported calls included alarm drops, a trailer park incident involving an adult, an abandoned vehicle on Boston Mills Road and turkeys on Kendall Park Road. Mayor Mayer reported tickets were issued on Main Street during the Towpath Marathon last weekend, and a vehicle was towed. There have been no incidents at the Boston Cemetery, and a police vehicle will be on the property on October 31st.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported

- The Zoning Commission discussed yard sale language and conditions at the last meeting and will continue discussion at their next meeting.
- Summit County Building Standards have been notified of the Boston Mills Open House scheduled for October 12th through 14th.
- He issued the permit for installation of solar panels on the garage on Main Street.
- Harvey Rogers, whose junk vehicles have been an ongoing issue, died unexpectedly. Mr. Sulzer will monitor the progress of the removal of the vehicles as the estate is settled.
- Progress continues to be made on the clean up of the Brown/Pruitt property, which will be reviewed with Mr. Brown prior to the next Trustee meeting.

Doug Mayer attended a Move Ohio Forward meeting that addressed asbestos removal and meth house clean up. He reported asbestos clean up involves removal of any asbestos material identified; meth clean up constitutes removal of the building. Testing for meth and other drug residue is expensive and probably would consume any grant monies available.

The Economic Activity District maps will be presented to the Planning Commission on October 18th at 3:00 PM. Trustee Bergdorf is not able to attend, but Doug Mayer, and Amy Anderson, will attend, as well as Ed Pullekens, Mark Majewski and Lida Flower-Brandt.

Correspondence: The Fiscal Officer reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Anderson stated she could not accept the minutes of the September 12th meeting; she felt they inaccurately represented what she said at the meeting.

Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting as prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting yes: Bergdorf and Rich. Voting no: Anderson Motion passed.

[2012-1010-01]

Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2012 meeting. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

[2012-1010-02]

Township Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Tesmer reported the hall wall is sealed from the inside and preventative sealing will be done on the outside. The roof has been repaired and no longer leaks. Trustee Ritch reported he will discuss snow removal with the Hall Committee.

There was a general discussion of the clutter of signs on the corner, both on the lawn and affixed to various phone poles. There are Hale Farm signs, Scenic ByWay signs, Chamber of Commerce signs that are permanent and transitory signs such as Heritage Farms haunted hayride, Valley Fire's pancake breakfast and the Hall Committee's Octoberfest. Business tenants of the building are restricted in their signage, yet other businesses and sites advertise themselves freely. Mayor Mayer said the village is addressing the issue and attempting to remove signs, reduce the size of signs and place signs more effectively. Trustee Bergdorf said the Hall Committee is designing a permanent sign for the corner that will display the address and the name of each business in the building.

Future Planning and JEDD: Trustee Ritch reported the meeting at the DOE offices to review the work of the survey committee, discuss financing options, and review a potential rerouting of the sewer line will be October 23rd at 5:30.

Trustee Ritch said the tax report on Miles Auto will be available for review about November 1st.

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Valley Fire District: No report.

Road Department: Mr. Tesmer reported they are almost through mowing and the roads have been sealed in preparation for winter. The big truck will be gone for repairs for another two weeks. The body cannot be restored.

Trustee Anderson reported attending a public hearing concerning the Akron Cleveland Road bridge replacement. Two options are available during replacement; closing the bridge for 120 days, or using a traffic signal to allow one lane of traffic. Because the project is using federal funds, the bike trail must be kept open continuously during the replacement. Boston Heights will select the traffic control method. Fire and rescue and police response times will be doubled during replacement. Station Five in Cuyahoga Falls is under consideration, but because of budget cuts it is not adequately staffed to respond. The replacement is currently scheduled for completion by the end of 2014.

Other Business: The Fiscal Officer distributed a summary of the Summit County Budget Commission's tax rates and amounts projected for collection for the year 2013. After discussion, **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Summit County Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

[2012-1010-03]

The Trustees discussed continuing the senior snow plow program for another year. It is a popular program; the trustees will continue it. Trustee Anderson presented quotes she has received from O'Bryan Grounds Maintenance for \$36 per drive per plow, and Baker Snow Removal for \$30 per drive per plow. The Fiscal Officer noted the quotes do not include a current Workers' Comp certificate. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to accept the quote from Baker Snow Removal, contingent on receipt of his Workers' Comp certificate. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

[2012-1010-04]

Trustee Ritch reported disappointment at having no communication from Nick Kostandaras, Marilyn Slaby, Frank LaRose, Turnpike officials and other state officials to whom he has submitted the report of all effort to date to effect enforcement of the engine brake restriction and consider a sound wall. The usual response, if any, has been too few people are affected for action to be taken. This issue will remain on the agenda until resolved and he will write an article for the next *Your Community News* issue.

Supplemental Appropriations: The Fiscal Officer reported reviewing declining revenues for state issued funds and real estate taxes for the year. A new certificate of estimated resources has been requested from the Budget Office to reflect declining revenues. All township appropriations remain within revenue anticipated except Motor Vehicle License Tax, which has a \$2,000.00 shortfall. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, decrease the Motor Vehicle License Tax appropriation for 2012 by \$2,000.00. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

[2012-1010-05]

Bank Reconciliation: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the September bank reconciliation prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

[2012-1010-06]

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

[2012-1010-07]

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.

[2012-1010-08]

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

[2012-1010-09]

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER