

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

**September 12, 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 the police dealt with a horse loose at 181 Keenan; goats from Boston Car on Akron Cleveland, another unruly juvenile incident at 100 Keenan and a loud explosion with no cause found on Geoppert. Trustee Anderson reported a bicycle accident on Hines Hill was quickly handled by our safety forces,

**Zoning:** Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported

- The Zoning Commission discussed yard sale conditions for the resolution. Additional research is needed. There also is a lack of alternative energy conditions in the resolution.
- The Harvey Rogers property was inspected on August 30, 2012. Mr. Rogers was encouraged to continue his cleanup and remove or cover remaining vehicles. He indicated a thirty to forty five day time frame to complete the work. Zoning personnel will write a letter to him confirming the time frame set.
- The Brown/Pruitt property was inspected on September 5, 2012. Clean up progress is evident; more junk tires removed, trash is staged for removal. There is a dumpster on the property. Mr. Pruitt has submitted a new thirty day plan to grade the dirt, clean up the scrap wood pile on the back lot and remove stacks of metal building panels. He will provide the next thirty day plan for the next Zoning Commission meeting.
- SureSite Consulting Group is doing co-location work at 1924 Boston Mills Road and 110 Kendall Park Road. Mr. Sulzer asked an application be filed to state work to be done, for the record, and to maintain continuity of tower inspections.
- He had a property records request concerning 5649 Akron Cleveland Road, the former Malbin property. Beyond fuel tanks from the time the property was a service station he has no zoning related information to provide.

Trustee Bergdorf reported he is attending the Summit County Planning Commission meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> to review the Economic Activity District maps with the commission.

**Correspondence:** The Fiscal Officer reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting. Trustee Anderson read a note from the Puchalsky family thanking the trustees for their support on the passing of John Puchalsky.

**Approval of Minutes:** The trustees reviewed the minutes of the August 22, 2012 public hearing submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes as submitted. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0912-01]**

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**Township Buildings and Grounds:** Trustee Ritch reported the Hall Committee will include township rooms in their annual pest control and instructions have been distributed to all occupants of the building.

Trustee Ritch will open discussions with the Hall Committee in October about snow removal responsibilities.

Mr. Mayer reported the road office hall wall was excavated about three feet. He uncovered a sandstone ledge and services lines for gas and electricity. The wall will be pressure washed and waterproofed on both sides.

Mr. Tesmer reported a hole in the garage roof, probably caused by a falling branch in a recent storm. The roof is no longer under warranty. He will have it repaired immediately.

**Future Planning and JEDD:** Trustee Ritch reported the sewer design and survey will be ready in a couple of weeks. A meeting will be set up with the design company, Cuyahoga Falls and the township discuss the next phase.

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Trustee Ritch met with Cuyahoga Falls Finance Director Brodzinski and Law Director Janis to discuss Miles Auto. A study of the owner, Todd Myles, tax returns will be made to provide more information on the operation of Miles Auto.

**Valley Fire District:** Trustee Anderson expressed the thanks of the District to Paul and Marsha Sergi for their donation of an advanced technology Jaws of Life, which replaced the 1976 Jaws of Life. Two new lieutenants have been appointed. Nick Zamiski is 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant; Scott Duber, 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant. There were seven excellent candidates.

Six department personnel went to Bowling Green University for training classes and rope training will commence next week. The District is working together with Ranger Chris Ryan to obtain the park's rope and equipment, which is used for park rescues.

**Road Department:** Road Superintendent Tesmer reported issues with the eighteen year old big truck. The floor needs a sub frame to halt rust damage, at a cost of about \$4,500. It is not safe to use in its current discussion. There was discussion of the \$1,500 cost of previous repairs, the nine to ten thousand dollar cost of a new bed, hydraulic tank problems with the truck and the fact that fewer road miles will not require a truck of that size. Mr. Tesmer was told to go ahead with repairs. Mr. Mayer was asked to contact a fabrication company to see if re-fabricating our truck body is an option.

**Other Business:** The Fiscal Officer presented two checks payable to the township with the memo notation *Payment in Lieu of Taxes*. The Fiscal Officer held the checks from receipt to the next regular meeting of the Township Trustees, at the direction of Legal Counsel Pullekens. Mr. Pullekens explained Ohio Revised Code has a procedure for disposition of payments in lieu of taxes. Trustee Anderson was displeased the checks were not deposited, stating delaying the deposit was a personal embarrassment to her which would necessitate letters of apology from her to the donors as well as an article addressing the incident in the next issue of *Your Community News*. She said the matter would be addressed in executive session.

Trustee Anderson said she had presented an agreement to Peninsula Village Council at their meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, for the 2012-2013 winter season. The agreement presented is unchanged from last year. **Motion** by Anderson seconded by Ritch, to approve the providing salt to the Village for the period beginning October 1, 2012 and ending October 1, 2013, at the cost of \$45.51 per ton plus \$3.00 per ton for labor and associate costs. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0912-03]**

The Fiscal Officer reported making a typographical error in both the July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and the August 8, 2012 minutes stating compensatory time off is 160 hour per year. Compensatory time off per year is 60 hours. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, correcting those minutes.. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0912-04]**

Trustee Ritch reported contacting the Communications Officer of the Ohio Turnpike Commission regarding noise abatement for the turnpike bridges. He referenced a sound wall in North Royalton built with grant funding and has asked Nick Kostandaras, one more time, to assist the township in turnpike noise abatement.

Trustee Anderson reported there will be a public hearing Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Boston Store. There will be answers to questions concerning the Park's proposed alternations to the Boston area.

The Trustees discussed the status of the remaining road closure resolutions submitted to Council, Wetmore and Oak Hill. Summit County Council has the closures on schedule to be considered December 3<sup>rd</sup>, after discussion among the Township, Cuyahoga Falls and the Park. Cuyahoga Falls is requesting 96 foot diameter asphalt turning circles on each road with the township providing 25% of construction costs and the township paying for street lighting on Oak Hill. The trustees do not want to provide any of these concessions.

The Trustees briefly discussed participating in the Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Program, intended to demolish vacant homes. Mr. Pullekens will forward additional information for the Trustees to consider before entering into an agreement with the County to participate.

**Transfers:** **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the transfer of \$36,980.20 from Star Ohio; \$19,000.00 to the First Merit General Fund and \$17,980.20 to the First Merit

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Police Fund, Star Ohio check 8025 signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0912-05]**

**Bank Reconciliation:**      **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the bank reconciliation prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0912-06]**

**Payroll:**      **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0912-06]**

**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. **[2012-0912-07]**

**Executive Session:**      **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0912-08]**

The Fiscal Officer neglected to record the time the Executive Session began and ended.

The trustees acknowledged receipt of two recent donations to the Township; a check from David Hazelwood in response to a recent article by Amy Anderson in *Your Community News*, and a check from the Cuyahoga Valley Conservancy in appreciation of services provided by the township.

Each check contains the memo notation *Payment in Lieu of Taxes*, but as Trustee Anderson believed the checks were received as donations the trustees should acknowledge them as donations.

Mr. Pullekens advised the Fiscal Officer to deposit the checks.

**Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2012-0912-09]**

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CO-CHAIRMAN

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FISCAL OFFICER