

BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

April 25, 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.

The Trustees expressed their sympathy to the family of Jim Hunt, Sagamore Hills trustee through December, 2011.

The Trustees congratulated John Petrovich on becoming a Richfield Village police officer. They want to thank him for years of dedicated service to the township.

Police Protection Report: Trustee Ritch reported four people, three juveniles and one adult, were arrested Sunday, April 22nd for trespass at the Boston Cemetery. They stated they were looking for Helltown. They came in from the trail over the fence. All have been charged.

There were gunshot complaints on Truxell; the shooter was located and quit shooting.

Peninsula Mayor Doug Mayer presented a letter to the Union Cemetery Association, copied to the township trustees, stating the cemetery gates are opened and closed daily and the cemetery checked each time as a courtesy to Union Cemetery, commencing two mayors previously and continuing in his term. Most police officers signed they read the policy.

Mr. Mayer also presented information concerning the No Parking area on Main Street and their understanding these are informal signs, without any authority. The trustees believe the signs are legal to enforce as they authorized them, and will present their resolution to enforce the signs.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported

- he has signed the re-plating mylar for the Minns Homestead on Major Road.
- He reviewed the composing language for the April BZA meeting concerning Pro Tree
- There has been progress with the Harvey Rodgers junk vehicle removal
- The Brown/Pruitt property clean up progress remains slow.

Trustee Bergdorf reported Mr. Pruitt says two more vehicles have been removed. He announced the next zoning work session will be May 7th at 9 am. The Planning Commission has been given the Economic Activity maps and information for review.

Mr. Mayer reported the ProTree sign is installed and they continue to work on cleaning up the front area of the property. They are making a ditch for drainage. They will resume grinding when the machine is back on the property.

Correspondence: Trustee Anderson reported receiving correspondence from Stan Austin, park director, clarifying the closing of Boston Mills for the Towpath Marathon. The road will be open to local traffic only and monitored by the Peninsula police. The closing for the Marathon will be October 7th, between 7:30 am and 2:00 pm.

Trustee Anderson reported being contacted by Bill Zawiski of the EPA and given permission to use the Trustee meeting room for a public hearing for wetland discharge into the Cuyahoga River.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the April 11th regular meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes as submitted. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0425-01]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: The parking lot draining correction has not begun; it is too early in the season for warm asphalt. Tim Tesmer reports the project is "on the list" for the asphalt supplier.

Trustee Bergdorf reported the next meeting of the Hall Committee is May 17th.

Future Planning and JEDD: Council Representative Nick Kostandaras reported the sewer legislation is moving through Council. He is still trying to schedule a meeting with the Turnpike Commission concerning noise abatement on the turnpike bridges over the Cuyahoga River.

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Nick Kostandaras addressed fracking, which can bring a lot of money into the county. He is concerned that the companies involved have discharged dirty water into Ohio Rivers and wants to install legislation to prevent the companies from using this water in Ohio drilling of wells.

Valley Fire District: Department members will attend a trade show to look at grass fire trucks available. Another vehicle is out being painted. In other equipment news, the department has been donated pagers by Copley and is looking at a replacement car from Bath, which has fewer miles than the Peninsula car.

The annual pancake breakfast will be Sunday, April 29th, from 8 am to 1 pm, at the fire station. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ten and under.

Road Department: Road superintendent Tesmer reported he is updating the township traffic sign inventory. By 2015 the signs must be reflective compliant. To date 25% are replaced.

The Trustees reviewed a cooperative agreement between Boston Township and the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District pledging support in resolving land use planning and the development of soil and water resources in the township. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to authorize the Memorandum of Agreement between The Summit Soil and Water Conservation District and Boston Township, Summit county. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0425-02]**

Other Business: The Fiscal Officer reported the natural gas cost per Mcf of \$3.99 reported at the last meeting is a domestic rate; she secured a business rate of \$4.59 fixed for six months.

A practice event for the Buckeye Trail 50K endurance run is noted on the web site and appears to violate Township policy. The Trustees requested the Fiscal Officer contact the organizers and tell them no permit can be issued, and the trustees are disappointed in the lack of communication.

Cargill, Inc., salt supplier has offered to supply salt to CUE for the next season at the same cost, under the same tonnage, terms and conditions. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to inform CUE the Township accepts these terms. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0425-03]**

Supplemental Appropriations: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the supplemental appropriations
\$500.00 from 1000-100-599 (Misc.) to 1000-110-318 (Election Expense)
\$250.00 from 1000-100-599 (Misc.) to 1000-290-370 (Payment to Another Political Subdivision)

Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0425-04]**

Transfer: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the transfer of \$500.00 from Star Ohio Gasoline Fund to First Merit Gasoline Fund, First Merit check 8021 signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0425-05]**

Purchase Order: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve
SBC39-2012 \$250.00 1000-290-370 Payment to Another Political Subdivision
Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0425-06]**

Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0425-07]**

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. **[2012-0425-08]**

Executive Session: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, to enter executive session to discuss a legal issue. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0425-09]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:20 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 7:30 pm.

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The Trustees said they discussed the remaining open court orders against All Ohio/Bencin.

Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to authorize Legal Counsel Pullekens to close outstanding court orders as appropriate. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0425-10]**

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2012-0411-08]**

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER