

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

April 11, 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.

Nick Kostandaras, district representative to Summit County Council attended the meeting to report he has co-sponsored legislation for paving Boston Mills Road in Boston Township, commencing at Riverview Road. He also reported a paving project on Akron Peninsula Road will be completely funded by a grant.

Fiscal Officer Oath: The Fiscal Officer's oath of office commencing the new term was attested by Legal Counsel Pullekens.

Police Protection Report: Trustee Ritch reported on egregious vandalism at the Boston Cemetery. Nine stones are overturned, multiple stones broken. A police report was filed. Trustee Ritch reported Officer Renz says the police will try to spend more time in the area. There was discussion of raising the fence height and looking into motion detectors. The vandals may be parking at the Boston Store or be coming from the trail.

Trustee Anderson asked Peninsula Mayor Mayer about policy. She questioned why the police discontinued opening and closing cemetery gates without notifying the cemetery trustees and on whose authority the police made the decision and posted a notice on their board the cemetery gates would not be attended to. The mayor explained some officers thought the cemeteries were private property, but have been informed otherwise.

There was additional discussion of police failure to enforce no parking signs on Main Street. The police force believes they are unenforceable; however, the Summit County Engineer's office has long since confirmed the validity.

The Mayor expressed his apologies for the action of some members of his department and stated he is trying to gain control. Trustee Anderson said she is deeply disappointed; the township is not receiving services paid for. Legal Counsel Pullekens was asked to review the police contract to determine the township is receiving services paid for.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported:

- There was a frank discussion with Mr. Priutt of the need to complete property cleanup, and provide a site plan for review.
- At their last meeting the Zoning Commission completed review of the Economic Activity District amendments and sent the changes to the Summit County Planning Commission for their review.
- Harvey Rodgers responded to the junk vehicle citation stating he is removing or licensing vehicles and apologizes for the current state of his property.
- Both he and Trustee Bergdorf have had discussions with a Kendall Park Road property owner interested in constructing a private gun range. He seems interested in, and has been encouraged to investigate all his insurance and liability requirements.

Correspondence: The Fiscal Officer reviewed correspondence received since the last meeting. Trustee Anderson reported township officials have been invited to the May 14th meeting of Peninsula Village Council to discuss cemetery matters and other items of mutual concern.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the March 28th 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. **[2012-0411-01]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: Trustee Ritch reported the parking lot should be addressed in three phases, correction of the drainage from the upper lot and from the lower walk way causing a large accumulation of water at the west island; marking the handicap area; and marking the remainder of the lot. He said resurfacing of the entire lot should be left to the Hall Committee. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve correcting the drainage as soon as possible, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0411-02]**

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Trustee Anderson asked if tenant lease copies are available yet; Trustee Bergdorf will follow up. Trustee Anderson additionally asked Trustee Bergdorf to inform the Hall Committee their tenants must contact the Hall Committee with building and grounds issues, not the township road department.

Future Planning and JEDD: Marty Griffith and Trustee Ritch reported the sewer design contract will go to Summit County Council next week and no problems are anticipated. It will be in committee the following week and scheduled for vote the week of May 21st. Trustee Ritch will try to attend that Council meeting if it's necessary. Trustee Ritch reported the project design fee cost has been reduced; the project is for 4,200 feet of construction, which will cost \$1.5 million dollars.

Trustee Ritch also reported information concerning hospital funding may be available in the fall.

Valley Fire District: 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: Mr. Pullekens said all road vacations have been filed with Council. There was a brief discussion of the reduction of Motor Vehicle License Tax reimbursements to the Township; however, the annual loss is negligible.

Mr. Mayer reported the summer road equipment is being serviced.

Other Business: The Fiscal Officer reported the current natural gas contract has expired. The least expensive fixed rate found is 3.99/mcf for six months. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to enter into a new contract.. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

[2012-0411-03]

Trustee Anderson reported the Union Cemetery audit is complete and is OK.

Trustee Anderson reported attending the last TASC meeting held at the Ohio Edison building. It was a very informative meeting; townships learned that in an widespread electrical outage, their power would be restored last as they are the smaller entities.

Purchase Order: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve
SBC38-2012 \$741.00 1000-110-373 Fiscal Officer Bond

Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

[2012-0411-04]

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

[2012-0411-05]

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

[2012-0411-06]

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.

[2012-0411-07]

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

[2012-0411-08]

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER