

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

March 14, 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 one suspect arrested for burglaries in the Township and the Village has identified others as members of a gang operating in Summit, Geauga and Portage Counties. At this time Peninsula police will not file charges and the case is being handled in Portage County. In other business, there was a drug possession arrest at the Don El Motel.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported the BZA is waiting on legal counsel review of the current Ohio composting law in order to make a final decision on the Pro Tree zoning permit. ProTree has submitted an application for signage. The Brown-Pruitt property was inspected on February 28th by Paul Baker, Doug Mayer and Larry Sulzer. Progress to clean the site is slow; considerable work is required. Mr. Pruitt will be asked to attend the April 2nd zoning work session and asked to set realistic goals. Planning Consultant Mark Majewski made a presentation of the proposed Economic Activity District to the Zoning Commission at their March 13th meeting. A final violation letter has been sent to Harvey Rodgers, 186 Barlow Road, concerning junk vehicles on his property.

Correspondence: The Fiscal Officer reviewed correspondence received since the last meeting. Trustee Anderson read a letter from Park Superintendent Stan Austin saying the Park wishes to close Boston Mills Road to all but local traffic during the Towpath Marathon. Trustee Anderson will get clarification of how traffic will be monitored during that event.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Anderson said she wished to make a statement for the record concerning the February 22nd minutes. She is gravely disappointed with the first two drafts of the minutes. She believes the drafts are inaccurate and reflect a personal agenda. She stated she would never say she does not want handicap parking. She questioned the Fiscal Officer on her ability to write the minutes without taking notes.

The Fiscal Officer responded she wrote the minutes from memory. When circulated for review she received three emails from Trustee Anderson indicating errors and made the corrections indicated. Because Trustee Anderson's emails indicated additional errors but offered no corrections the Fiscal Officer consulted the two lower level tenants present at the meeting to be sure they had been quoted accurately. The Fiscal Officer was presented an audio recording of the meeting by one of the tenants, from which the Fiscal Officer made final corrections.

Trustee Bergdorf asked if Trustee Anderson knew what was in the minutes presented for approval. Trustee Anderson responded she did not give a flying rats you know what is in the minutes; they were trying to make a better parking lot; the parking area had been installed for Ms. Noragon, and this is what has happened.

Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes as presented. Voting: Bergdorf and Ritch: Yes. Anderson: No. Motion passed. **[2012-0314-01]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: Trustee Ritch reported there will be a meeting Friday morning at 8 am, including himself, the Township road personnel, some or all Hall Committee representatives, Terry Lahoski, Jim Hammond and Todd Clarke. He reported disappointment that only Joanne Noragon of the lower level tenants had contacted Mr. Clarke with suggestions for parking lot design.

Tim Tesmer reported he has an estimate of \$7,740.00 to chip and seal the lower parking lot. Trustee Ritch said the cost should be a shared responsibility of the Trustees and the Hall Committee.

In other issues, Trustee Bergdorf was asked to tell the Hall Committee to tell its tenants to contact the Hall Committee, not a trustee, in response to parking lot problems. This is in response to handicap parking signs being taped to the court yard wall during the primary election.

Trustee Bergdorf gave copies of Boston Township Hall Committee financial reports for the last five years to Trustees Anderson and Ritch. He indicated cost records for the downstairs renovation are included in the statement of invoices paid attached to each report. He does not

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have the requested lease agreements in his records and will ask the Hall Committee for the agreements at the next Hall Committee meeting on March 15th.

Trustee Anderson asked Legal Counsel Pullekens for the information she requested concerning removing the ADA area from the parking lot. Mr. Pullekens indicated he has found nothing in his research, and is waiting for the question to be answered by a colleague with specialty in that issue.

Future Planning and JEDD: Trustee Ritch reported on the March 2nd meeting with himself, Mark Wendt and Marty Griffith. They learned a company called GBC received the sewer design contract and expect to complete the design within 120 days. They discussed financing options and were advised to involve both the County and Cuyahoga Falls in their funding search. He has nothing new to report on the JEDZ except learning the hospital project still has no financing, which is worrisome.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson stated the District's thanks for the passage of the operating levy. The ski season has ended; the District made sixty one ski related calls, twenty to Boston Mills and forty one to Brandywine. Mid terms were held last Friday for the fire class being conducted. The District is looking into purchasing a year 2000 police car from the Peninsula Police department to replace the even older vehicle currently in use by the Department. Chief Riedel is looking into modifications that will be required. A four day, large rope rescue class will be held, with twenty participants. The audit is being conducted and is going well.

Road Department: Mr. Pullekens said Prosecutor Evans and the Engineer indicate all records are in order for presentation to Summit County Council. The Trustees asked Road Superintendent Tesmer to review the maps and documentation for correctness and they will address the vacation resolutions at the next meeting.

Trustee Anderson reported exchanging e-mails with Boston Height Mayor Bill Goncey concerning the proposal to change the name of Akron Cleveland Road to State Road. She indicated to him that any public hearings will be held at the Township Hall. Any additional action must be initiated by Mr. Haury, who advocates the change.

Other Business: Mr. Mayer, as Mayor of Peninsula, indicated the Trustees would receive an invitation from the Village to attend the Village meeting May 14th to authorize cemetery millage. The Village would also like to discuss the Township's proposed JEDD and Economic Activity District at that time.

The Fiscal Officer discussed Organized Event permit violations. The Fools Trail run scheduled for April 1st submitted a sixty day notice to the township, but did not secure a permit. The trustees authorized the Fiscal Officer to deny the permit for that event and any additional event that does not make timely application.

Transfer: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the transfer of \$17,980.20 from the Star Ohio Police Fund (2181) to the First Merit Police Fund, Star Ohio check 8019, signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.
[2012-0314-02]

Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.
[2012-0314-03]

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. [2012-0314-04]

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Executive Session: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Anderson, to enter executive session to discuss a legal issue. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0314-05]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:20 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 7:40 pm. The Trustees announced no action taken.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2012-0314-06]**

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER