

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

February 22, 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.

Trustee Anderson expressed the gratitude of the public to Scott Ensign for calling rescue services to the aid of Edna Ratner in a timely fashion.

Two tenants of the lower level, Pam Burda of Burda Books and Heather Dwyer of Tratjohnson Law were in attendance.

Police Protection Report: Trustee Ritch reported two of three people were apprehended fleeing Boston Mills with stolen ski equipment. Other police activity was normal operations.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported

- The Zoning Commission has reviewed the proposed Economic Activity District and requested Mark Majewski discuss it with them at their March meeting.
- To understand the difference between the nature of Miles Auto business represented to the Cuyahoga Falls tax office as a staging area for another location and the apparent auto sales lot it is, he took photographs on February 17th showing "Sales" banners on cars and a window sticker on a car for sale.
- He asked Lida Flowers Brandt to issue a Final Notice to Harvey Rodgers, trustee, 186 Barlow Road, concerning fifteen to twenty vehicles on his property. All preliminary notices to remove the vehicles have been duly sent.
- He monitors the Brown-Pruitt property and is arranging for a site visit with himself, Mr. Pruitt and Zoning Commission chair Paul Baker on February 23rd or 24th. Mr. Pruitt indicates he continues to clean the site.

Mr. Mayer reported Pro-Tree has the grinder on site for use on February 23rd and 24th, and next week. They are completing an application for a sign and propose to place it on the signage footers previously installed by Cuyahoga Falls. Pro Tree will also give a description of their frontage and proposed grading. He notes there are generally three employees and their foreman on site when work is done.

Mr. Mayer said he has not been in contact with Tim Majestro, landlord, concerning his tenant, Todd Jacober, Miles Auto.

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

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the February 8, 2012 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. **[2012-022-01]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: Trustee Anderson called on Trustee Ritch to report on Township Building and grounds. The Fiscal Officer, Joanne Noragon, excused herself to join lower level tenants in the audience The Fiscal Officer joined the lower level tenants at 6:45 P.M.

Trustee Ritch reported meeting with Jim Hammond and Terry Lahoski from the Hall Committee Building Committee and their architect Todd Clark, together with Township road department personnel. They discussed design of the parking lot, ADA violations and other concerns. A plan will be ready next Friday. He advised tenants to take input, comments, concerns to Todd Clark or Jim Hammond.

Trustee Ritch recognized Pam Burda, a lower level tenant. Trustee Anderson asked she state her name and address for the record. It is: Pamela Burda, 6085 Riverview Road, Peninsula. Ms. Burda asked if there is a specific plan to make the lot useable and if the tenants can be

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informed of the Hall Committee Planning Committee meetings and permitted to attend. Trustee Ritch replied a plan will be drawn up by the Hall Committee and all questions about the plan and the committee meetings must be directed to the Hall Committee.

Trustee Ritch recognized Heather Dyer, a lower level tenant. Trustee Anderson asked she state her name and address for the record. It is: Heather Dyer, 6375 Riverview Road, Peninsula. Ms. Dyer also asked about attending Planning Committee meetings. Ms. Dyer said her concerns were safety, both lighting and the condition of the lot, for herself, her clients and clients of other tenants. Trustee Ritch said she must address her questions to the Hall Committee, which is her landlord. Concerning ADA, Ms. Dyer asked if it would be removed entirely. Mr. Ritch asked if that was preferable and Ms. Dyer indicated not.

Trustee Anderson said several plans have been presented to the hall committee for layout of the lot but rejected. The handicap area installed by the trustees to fix a problem was a mistake that would not have happened if she could do it over again.

Trustee Ritch recognized Joanne Noragon, whose office is on the lower level and leased from the Hall Committee. For the record she stated her name and address: Joanne Noragon, 61 Geoppert, Peninsula. Ms. Noragon asked Trustee Ritch how soon the Trustees and the Hall Committee will implement a plan. Mr. Ritch indicated the plans must be discussed and agreed upon mutually before moving ahead. He believes plans will move ahead fairly quickly unless there's a lack of cooperation from the hall committee. Concerning snow and ice removal, Mr. Ritch indicated the Trustees are working with the Hall Committee to resolve the issue of clearing the lot and the walks of ice and snow when the township road crew is out clearing roads, their first responsibility.

The Fiscal Officer left the audience and returned to her seat at 7:05 P.M.

At the end of the discussion of the parking lot Trustee Anderson asked Trustee Bergdorf, a member of the Hall Committee, for the Hall Committee's financial reports and copies of the lease agreements with tenants, as required in the agreement between the Trustees and the Hall Committee. She also requested the cost of lower level renovation, as required in the agreement. Trustee Bergdorf said he has financial reports available and will supply them.

Future Planning and JEDD: Trustee Ritch reported two contractors are being considered for design work on extending the sewer and one will be selected soon. Design work will be available by spring. He and Marty Griffith will meet next week with Mike Wendt concerning funding opportunities. In a conversation with Sue Truby he learned there is no additional news about the hospital or the JEDZ.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported the District's operating levy is Issue 11 on the March ballot; there will be a one hour public meeting about the issue at the Fire house at 1:00 pm on Sunday, February 25th. There are 12 students in the current fire class, which is going well. Calls are up at Brandywine and Boston Mills and the season will soon be ending.

The District has received a \$106,000.00 grant for grass fire truck replacement. Trustee Anderson said the grant application was written by Chief Riedel and Nick Zamiski.

Road Department: Mr. Pullekens said he spoke with Prosecutor Evans who said all the records are in order for the proposed vacation of three township roads. There will be a delay while descriptive language is rewritten to accommodate one Township resident still on Wetmore. He will prepare the vacation resolutions for the trustees for the next meeting, after which they can be filed with County Council

Road Superintendent Tesmer reported he needs a new rear tire for one of the tractor mowers at a cost of \$521.00. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the purchase. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-022-02]**

Other Business: Trustee Anderson reported meeting with Boston Heights Mayor Bill Goncey to discuss cooperative efforts both with the Fire District and the Township. Mayor Goncey will cooperate with township business owners interested in a name change of Akron Cleveland Road to State Road. He offered Boston Heights town hall for a public meeting.

After review, **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, authorize Trustee Anderson to sign the 2012 Park Service road grants. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-022-03]**

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Trustee Bergdorf reported Townships may now collect a 3% lodging tax, which should be kept in mind at more overnight lodging become available in the Park.

Transfer: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the transfer of \$4,000.00 from the Star Ohio Gasoline Tax Fund (2021) and \$3,000.00 from the Zoning Fund (2181) to the First Merit funds, Star Ohio check 8048, \$7,000.00, signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0222-04]**

Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0222-05]**

Approval for Payment of Bills: After discussion, **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to authorize payment of \$750.00 to Redmon Funeral Home for service for Raymond Williams, pursuant to the Indigent Burial policy adopted February 9, 2011. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0222-06]**

Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to pay the bills prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0222-07]**

Executive Session: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Anderson, to enter executive session to discuss contracts. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2012-0222-08]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:20 pm. The Trustees reconvened at 7:30 pm. The Trustees announced no action taken.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2012-0222-09]**

CO-CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER