

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

December 14, 2011

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Trustees Amy Anderson, Jerry Ritch and Randy Bergdorf; Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon and Legal Counsel Ed Pullekens. Trustee Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Summit County Engineer: Summit County Engineer Alan Brubaker made his annual report on the state of township roads and other matters. He discussed the need for reasonable traffic speed on roads and their recent study of Wheatly Road speeds. Their recommendation to the State to lower the limit was not accepted and the current limit will remain in effect. Mr. Brubaker said his office is looking into the ability of the county to override the state on this issue; they are requesting a prosecutor's opinion on the ability of a charter county to set speed limits.

His office is pursuing money for upkeep of roads in the park through the National Park Roads Program. He estimates eighty one million dollars is required to bring roads within the park up to standard. They applied last year for nine million and received two, most of which was used on Akron Peninsula Road. The Park has input on how the funds are spent.

Mr. Brubaker said the road vacation requests submitted by the Township are under consideration. In reviewing the specifics, Trustee Anderson told him Hines Hill is withdrawn from the request; the requests for Stanford, Wetmore and Oak Hill remain as presented. Mr. Brubaker said they are waiting the prosecutor's opinion on providing descriptions from their records, avoiding a lengthy and expensive survey. They will then make their presentation to Summit County Council for hearings. He estimates a time frame of two months.

In order to consolidate areas of operation, Mr. Brubaker offered to exchange plowing of Wetmore for plowing of Boston Millis. The County will plow Wetmore in exchange for the Township plowing Boston Mills. The Trustees and the Road Department will consider the offer.

Trustee Bergdorf expressed the Township's appreciation of the traffic signal installed at Akron Cleveland and Kendall Park Roads. There was discussion of the volume of traffic now using the inadequately designed Wyoga Lake, Akron Cleveland and Hidden Lake intersection. Mr. Brubaker will take the problem up with Cuyahoga Falls, which is responsible for three of the four corners of the intersection.

Police Protection Report: Trustee Ritch reported repeated police visits to the target shooting on the Godlewski property on Akron Cleveland Road. Exploding targets and a cannon are in use, with the owner's permission. The activity is not illegal and there is no solution.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported

- He continues to monitor the Brown-Pruitt property clean up progress and encourage Mr. Pruitt to submit a site plan for review by the Zoning Commission,
- Has completed the quarterly tower inspections,
- The Zoning Commission held a public hearing on their changes to the Zoning Resolution, with no public attending. The text will be submitted to the Trustees for consideration and hearings before the December 28th Board meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the November 23, 2011 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. **[2011-1214-01]**

Township Buildings and Grounds: The railing will be installed soon. Trustee Ritch will arrange a meeting with the Hall Committee Construction Committee to discuss the layout of the parking lot.

Future Planning and JEDD: Trustee Ritch had nothing new to report on the sewer planning contract or the proposed new hospital. Mr. Pullekens reported the new JEDD map is being developed by Mark Majewski and will be presented to the Trustees at the January 11th meeting. There was a brief discussion of the need to select our municipal partner.

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Trustee Anderson noted that Fire District Trustee Jodi Padrutt attended the last meeting of her term and received the thanks of the board for her contribution the last four years. In other business, the board hired Nancy Orahoske as clerk for 2012, and recommended Dick Slocum for a new term.

Road Department: Road Superintendent Tesmer reported leaf pickup is finished and they are ready for snow. Vehicle and building maintenance will be done while they wait.

Trustee Anderson reported applying for Park assistance for the roads the Township hopes to vacate and being denied. Of concern are trees needing removal on Major and Wetmore Roads. She learned from Mr. Tesmer that Ohio Edison will remove trees on Major Road, and Park Superintendent Austin has indicated the Park may support tree removal in the next application cycle.

Other Business: The Fiscal Officer reported the annexation tax sharing revenue calculation problem has been resolved to the satisfaction of Cuyahoga Falls, although their Financial Director notes the solution will cost Cuyahoga Falls more than the anticipated revenue saving.

Appointments: **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, to appoint Richard Slocum to the Valley Fire District Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Fire Board. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. [2011-1214-02]

Appropriations: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the supplemental appropriation of \$400.00 from 1000-130-150, Compensation of Board Members, to 1000-110-313, UAN Fees. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. [2011-1214-03]

After review, **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the Temporary 2012 Appropriations presented by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. [2011-1214-04]

Purchase Orders: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve SBC42-2011, \$400.00, 1000-110-313, UAN Fees. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. [2011-1214-05]

Bank Reconciliation: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the November bank reconciliation prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. [2011-1214-06]

Payroll: **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. [2011-1214-07]

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. [2011-1214-08]

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. [2011-1214-09]

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER