

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

January 26, 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.

Police Protection Report: Officer Jeremy Milford reported normally expected activity; calls to Boston Mills as the skiing season progresses, the usual alarms and assists. Trustee Ritch noted the organized event season is commencing and asked the police take note of traffic violations by participants.

After discussion, **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, to place a 7 mill replacement Police Protection levy on the May 3rd ballot. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2011-0126-01]**

Legal Counsel Pullekens will file the executed resolution with the Board of Elections.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported:

- The Board of Zoning Appeals expressed concern at the excessive continuances granted Pro-Tree and resolved at their last meeting the final extension ends February 22nd, at which time all documents must be submitted for a final decision.
- The Bencin/All Ohio hearing is set for January 27th. The contractor engaged by Bencin for remediation of Barlow road has not begun the work; the property is not secured and open to vandalism and theft, which should be addressed at the hearing.
- The motion for a default judgment has been filed in the Brown-Pruitt matter. If granted the township can clear the property and add the cost to the tax duplicate.
- There has been an inquiry into façade improvements at Trail Mix, but no permits requested yet.

The Fiscal Officer reported seeing phone poles, a saw mill and sawdust piles on the Senuta property, and more tires and junk vehicles appearing on the Brown-Pruitt Property. Assistant Zoning Inspector Mayer noted more timber material visible at Pro Tree.

Assistant Zoning Inspector Mayer noted becoming aware of a problem known to the Summit County Engineer and the Ohio Department of Transportation: the road right of way from the Don El Motel past Earth 'n' Wood and also at the All Ohio and Senuta properties was not corrected following road improvements in the 1930's. In order to facilitate future development he suggests those departments be approached to grant favorable easements to property owners.

Trustee Ritch reported the Zoning Commission is ready to review their changes to the zoning resolution and has invited Susan DeChant of the Summit County Planning Department to attend the February 8th review meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the January 12, 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. **[2011-0126-02]**

Boston Township Bi-Centennial (January 15, 1811): Trustee Bergdorf reported the Bi-Centennial kickoff and reception for George Fisher, Jr. was well attended and Mr. Fisher was honored and pleased. The Bi-Centennial committee has prepared a budget of expected expense for the event. The Committee anticipates revenue will exceed expense for the event, but would like the Township to advance funds at this point. The budget was distributed for consideration, and Trustee Bergdorf will provide the ORC statute permitting such an advance for action at the next meeting.

Township Buildings and Grounds: No report.

Future Planning and JEDD: Zoning Commission member Marty Griffith attended the meeting to report he will be contacting Bob Hassenyaeger and Mike Wendt to determine if there is help available for JEDD area development.

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The Trustees discussed several conversations with local officials concerning the JEDZ. Susan Truby, Cuyahoga Falls Planning, concedes the JEDZ Master Plan's five year limitation on planning and development can thwart township land and business owners. Susan DeChant says the Summit County Planning Commission is interested in seeing the township gets sewer and water in the five year time frame and would like to get a commitment from the County to effect sewer and water within the five year time frame of the JEDZ Master Plan. The Planning Commission will also help change the zoning resolution as needed to conform to the Master Plan.

Valley Fire District: The Trustees have decided not to place an operating levy on the May 4th ballot. It could go on the November ballot, or any time in 2012. The District has been busy with calls to Boston Mills and Brandywine.

Road Department: Trustee Anderson reported additional conversations with Paul Stoehr, Assistant Director of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park concerning maintenance of Stanford Road. He indicated ice control funds might be available. She is requesting \$50,000.00 in year round assistance. She additionally reported the Boston Sanitary Sewer project is progressing.

Other Business: Trustee Bergdorf reported the Cemetery Board has donated two grave plots to be used for indigent burials. The Trustees expressed their thanks to the Cemetery Board and will continue to formulate Township policy on indigent burials.

Transfer: Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the transfer of \$2,000.00 from Star Ohio Zoning Fund to First Merit Zoning Fund, Star Ohio check 8005 signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2011-0126-03]**

Payroll: Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2011-0126-04]**

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. **[2011-0126-05]**

Executive Session: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to enter executive session to discuss personnel and contract matters. All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2011-0126-06]**

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. The Trustees reconvened at 7:55 p.m. The Trustees announced no action to be taken.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2011-0126-07]**

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER