

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

April 9, 2008

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Trustees Randy Bergdorf, Jerry Ritch and Amy Anderson; and Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon. Legal Counsel Ed Pullekens was absent. Trustee Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Randy Cole, candidate for State Representative for the 44th District, attended the meeting, seeking support for election. He said his background in the Engineering Office and Township government makes him well qualified to represent the interests of the District in Columbus.

Oath of Office: Trustee Anderson administered the Oath of Office for Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon for the term ending March 31, 2012.

Police Protection Report. Peninsula Police Liaison Dan Schneider reported on police activity and distributed an incident report for March. The police overtime invoice will be discussed with Chief McCue when he returns to duty. There was discussion of the bicycle and foot race season; the Trustees clarified with Mr. Schneider that traffic control must be provided by Peninsula Police. The Trustees are working on policy to standardize the events and will coordinate the policy with Peninsula.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Larry Sulzer reported attending the Building Workshop in Copley and meeting representatives of Summit County offices. Susan DeChant of the Planning Commission has offered to provide help with JEDD mapping. He discussed the recent mix up in permitting with Joe Chabone, Summit County Board of Building Standards. Mr. Chabone said in future permits will not be issued before local zoning permits are obtained and he will rectify the present situation in which that did happen.

Mr. Sulzer also reported the All-Ohio court date had been postponed and that the Zoning Commission had passed All-Ohio's site plans on to the BZA for review. The plan lacks a contained waste water system. The BZA will have a hearing on the plans on April 14th at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the March 26, 2008 meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes as submitted. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

Correspondences. Fiscal Officer Noragon reviewed the various correspondence received by the Township.

Township Buildings and Grounds. Finalizing the lease will commence on the return of Legal Counsel Pullekens.

Trustee Ritch the fire alarm system is complete except for adding phone lines. Permits have been issued for the basement work; the fire doors will be installed first. The railing at the lower door should be installed next week. The Hall Committee will construct buffers for the air conditioning units. There was discussion of the finish on the lower level door recently installed; Trustee Ritch will investigate.

Future Planning and JEDD. No report.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported that Chief Riedel has received a \$3,000.00 EMS grant from the State of Ohio and has applied for a \$350,000.00 5% matching FEMA grant for a new fire truck, a \$33,000.00 5% matching grant for two new heart monitors, and a \$9,000.00 10% matching Wildland Firefighting grant from the National Park Service.

The Fire District will commence soft billing of residents effective June 1, 2008. The insurance companies of residents will be invoiced for transports. If there is no insurance or if insurance does not cover the entire cost, residents will not be invoiced. Soft billing is used by most communities and is a cost built into insurance premiums and Medicare coverage. The District Trustees say the additional revenue will offset some of the increased cost of operation, especially the cost of fuel.

The annual pancake breakfast will be held May 18th at the Fire Station Garage from 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.; the Fire Department will provide coffee and donuts in the Township Road Garage for the annual Memorial Day parade.

Smoke detectors are being priced and will be available soon; there will be enough detectors available to provide several to each home in the District.

Trustee Anderson expressed thanks to Carol Haramis for providing coffee during the recent fire at Brandywine Golf Course and to an anonymous donor for providing pizza to the firefighters. Citizen assistance was also provided during the recent electrical short alarm at the library.

Holly Owings has submitted a letter of resignation to the District; she is leaving to take a position with the Fairfax County, Virginia Fire Department. She has been with the District since 2003; Trustee Anderson expressed the thanks of the Community for her service.

After discussion of the budget restrictions in place at the Fire District, and because all fire hydrants in the District are within the township, **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, that the township pay the annual hydrant flushing invoice of approximately \$600.00. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed

Road Department: Road Superintendent Tim Tesmer reported the Department is cleaning up from the winter, concentrating on ditches and litter. Chipping will start in May.

Mr. Tesmer recommended using a mix of half salt, half grit for the next winter season; the cost savings will be about \$7,000.00.

Trustee Ritch will obtain pricing for a small truck and report at the next meeting.

Other Business: Trustee Bergdorf reported that Brad Hansen of Summit Cycling had cancelled two bike races because of the deteriorating condition of Oak Hill Road in Cuyahoga Falls. In addition Nick Kostandaras had followed through on assisting the Township with bicycle and foot races and had assigned Mark Potter from the Summit County Council office to investigate.

Citizens Advisory Board: Trustee Bergdorf reported that most Summit County Department heads were represented at the meeting and that Council Representative Nick Kostandaras announced to all present that Summit County must assist Boston Township in its unique situation with the National Park. Summit County Engineer Greg Bachman announced his annual meeting will be held May 9th, on the train.

Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon reported receiving a \$439.24 invoice from Ohio Edison for removal of the Everett Road street light. Ohio Edison had mistakenly refunded the previous payment of this invoice, but said the refund was a recalculation of the cost of removing some lights. Because the request for reimbursement from the Park was reduced by the amount of the refund and because the reimbursement has been received, Ms. Noragon informed Ohio Edison that the Township's grant is closed and this invoice will not be paid.

TRANSFERS: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve transfer of \$16,006.84 from Star Ohio to First Merit, Star Ohio check 5033 signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson, as follows:

Star Ohio General to First Merit General:	\$13,062.27
Star Ohio Road & Bridge to First Merit Road & Bridge:	210.93
Star Ohio Police to First Merit Police:	2,328.64
Star Ohio Unclaimed Funds to Merit Unclaimed Funds:	<u>405.00</u>
Total:	\$16,006.84

Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed

ADVANCES: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the advance of \$10,599.03 from the General Fund to the Police Protection Fund. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed

PURCHASE ORDERS: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve purchase order 13-2008, Kenneth Crandall, 1000-110-599, \$2,050.00. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed

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

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by Fiscal Officer Noragon. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to pay the bills prepared by Fiscal Officer Noragon. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

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

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER