

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

March 12, 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 and Legal Counsel Ed Pullekens. Trustee Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Police Protection Report. No representative of the Police Department was in attendance. Concerning the recent police overtime bill, Trustee Ritch reported he is still discussing the discrepancy with Mayor Fisher and Dan Schneider. The amount will be negotiated. The Fiscal Officer was instructed to void the check previously written. Trustee Ritch also reported the Peninsula Police Department has received bids for two new police cars.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Larry Sulzer reported receiving a letter from the Summit County Engineer concerning permits for a retention pond at All-Ohio. He will contact the Engineer's office for further clarification. Mr. Sulzer has also been in contact with the Cuyahoga Valley Park Association concerning their store, Trail Mix. He is meeting with representatives on March 13th to clarify the status of their sign permit. He will follow up with them their use of multiple sandwich board signs, which is not permitted.

Trustee Anderson reported receiving a complaint about a sign in use at the Berry Farm at Oak Hill and Major Road. The sign is in the road right of way. Mr. Sulzer will check the situation.

Legal Counsel Pullekens reported a 30 day continuance has been granted All-Ohio; they are instructed to present complete plans, including property drainage, and follow through on completing their zoning application. The judge did not lift the stop work order. Mr. Pullekens also told the Trustees that former zoning inspector Paul Kaczmariski will reduce his fee for testifying as our zoning consultant in the case from \$75 per hour to \$50 per hour, as a professional courtesy.

There was discussion of the application to the zoning commission for billboards. Legal Counsel Pullekens reported a recent case in the 6th District Court of Appeals upheld signage size restrictions of local zoning. The ruling states that denials must be consistent and state the reason for denial.

Trustee Bergdorf reported there are two applications for the current Zoning Commission vacancy. The Trustees asked that he arrange with the applicants to be interviewed on April 2nd.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the February 27, 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. The Trustees discussed the Historical Acknowledgements and Restrictions section of the draft lease with the Boston Township Hall Committee. It is their opinion this restriction does not apply to the section of the building currently occupied by the Township and asked Legal Counsel Pullekens have the section deleted. Other sections of the lease remain to be reviewed by the Trustees.

Trustee Ritch reported that construction on the lower level will commence in April.

Future Planning and JEDD. Trustee Ritch reported no new developments. The meeting with the Summit County Health Department concerning sanitary issues at the Don-El and Midway has not taken place.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported the new squad was received today. There were some funds left from the last FEMA grant for airpicks and Chief Riedel has been given permission to spend the remaining funds on smoke detectors. He should be able to purchase enough smoke detectors to distribute one to every home in the community.

Road Department: The Trustees expressed their appreciation to Road Superintendent Tesmer for the outstanding job of keeping township roads plowed during the weekend storm. Mr. Tesmer reported he is extending the township salt supply by mixing it with ice grit and believes he can get through the balance of the winter in spite of the current salt shortage. He also reported arranging with Richfield Village to make a trade of a small amount of beet juice treated salt for testing on our roads. Because salt is in such short supply this probably will not happen until the next winter season. Trustee Anderson reported riding along with Doug Mayer on his road plowing route on Sunday and said it was a good experience to understand the scope of work involved.

There was discussion of the potential benefits of purchasing a small truck. Mr. Tesmer said that the small dump truck is currently in use for purchasing trips and attending meetings; about 5,000 miles a year are on that vehicle for those reasons. Because the truck gets about five miles per gallon he is advocating purchase of a smaller utility truck. Such a truck could be purchased new for about \$11,000 and used for \$5,000 to \$6,000. Insurance would be an additional \$750 per year. The Trustees decided to table further discussion for now and indicated that township personnel could use personal vehicles and be reimbursed by the township at the current allowable Federal rate.

Other Business: Fiscal Officer Noragon reported receiving a refund of \$439.25 from Ohio Edison against the cost of street light removal. She contacted Robin Patton who said the cost had been recalculated. Ms. Noragon has contacted the Park Service to arrange another revision of the request for reimbursement.

Citizens Advisory Board: Trustee Anderson reported being contacted by Summit County Council Representative Nick Kostandaras, reminding the Trustees to name a representative to the Advisory Board. The next meeting is April 8th. Trustee Bergdorf will attend or find someone to attend and represent the Township.

Cuyahoga Communities Council: Trustee Anderson reported attending the February 29th meeting of the Council and said she has been appointed a member. She said the new council has indicated a need to address the problems of Boston Township and Peninsula, the communities most severely financially impacted by the park. She said it could again be beneficial for the Township to join the Communities Council and together with Marty Griffith she would take the responsibility of membership. **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, that Boston Township resume membership in the Cuyahoga Communities Council. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

Bicycle Races: There was discussion of the anticipated start of events held annually by various local groups and the need to coordinate use of roads, involve police enforcement of traffic regulations, and mitigate the inconvenience to residents. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to require all groups holding races to give 60 days notice of the event to the Trustees, provide a map of the event route, secure a Parade Permit from Summit County and present an insurance endorsement naming Boston Township as additional insured. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. Mr. Bergdorf will notify representatives of all known groups of this requirement.

APPROPRIATIONS: None

TRANSFERS/ADVANCES: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the transfer of \$15,000.00 from Star Ohio to First Merit as follows: \$15,000.00 to the General Fund (1000); \$1,000.00 to Road and Bridge (2031); Star Ohio Check 5032 signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed
Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the advance of \$14,360.28 from the General Fund (1000) to the Police Fund (2191) to pay the March police protection invoice. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed

PURCHASE ORDERS: None

BANK RECONCILIATION: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the February bank reconciliation prepared by Fiscal Officer Noragon. 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