

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

November 14, 2007

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Trustees Randy Bergdorf and Amy Anderson, Legal Counsel Ed Pullekens, and Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon, and Summit County Engineer Greg Bachman and representatives of his office. Trustee Ritch was absent. Trustee Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

Summit County Engineer: Mr. Bachman made his annual report to the Trustees of road projects completed and anticipated for the Township. Completed road paving includes asphalt overlay and shoulders on Truxell Kendall Road, and paving on Columbia and part of Boston Mills. The Truxell Kendall project was funded partly from a grant through Representative LaTourette. Paving projects for 2008 include Boston Mills from Black Road to the Armory, and possibly Everett Road and part of Riverview Road. This work will be partially funded by a grant through Representative Sutton. He anticipates using federal pass through funds more for system preservation than expansion. There have been more soil nailing projects on Boston Mills near Interstate 271, on Northampton Road and on Everett. There have been fifteen soil nailing projects in the past three years; they are holding up well and are cost effective.

Township Bridges: Mr. Bachman specifically addressed the state of the fifteen county bridges located in the Township. All bridges are inspected annually. Maintenance work was done on three of the bridges. All the bridges are in good shape.

Round-a-bouts: This type traffic control intersection effectively reduces the number and severity of traffic accidents. Mr. Bachman anticipates replacing the traffic signal at Riverview and Smith Roads with a round-a-bout in 2009.

Police Protection Report. Chief McCue reported that Halloween celebrations were generally without incident; six minor citations were issued. The annual Christmas Party will be held December 3rd, from 6 to 8 P.M. at the Township Hall. The Polar Express will run from December 12th through the 20th. Officer Petrovich appeared at the trial of the first of two cyclists cited last summer for running stop signs. The cyclist was found guilty. The trial of the second offender is upcoming.

Zoning: Assistant Zoning Inspector Doug Mayer reported he is working with the Army Corps of Engineers, the EPA and Summit Soil and Water District to resolve wetland violations in the Township. Summit County is requesting that the Caporaletti property be restored to wetlands. The Army Corps of Engineers gave Boston Car notice to correct the property. The creek on the Berthold property has been altered. The EPA and Army Corps of Engineers have inspected the damage; Summit County must have site and project plans to consider such work. A property on Keenan being sold as residential property but in the commercial zone must come before the BZA for reclassification. The All Ohio case will have a hearing the week of November 19th.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the October 24, 2007 meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Anderson, 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. Trustee Bergdorf distributed copies of the proposed lease with the Boston Township Hall Committee for review. Trustee Anderson reported work on the lower pad has begun and that fire doors have been ordered.

Future Planning and JEDD. Trustee Anderson reported that Mr. Wendt continues to monitor the sanitary situation at the Don-El and Midway. She also reported that Mr. Guerra's Akron University planning class will present their project to the Trustees.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson expressed the gratitude of the Fire District Board to the citizens of the village and township for passing the operating levy. The new squad should be delivered in late January.

Road Department: Road Superintendent Tim Tesmer and Trustee Anderson reported meeting recently with Park Superintendent John Debo to review past and future road project grants. In the years it has been in effect the road assistance program has granted \$815,000 to the township, which the township has matched with \$163,000. Most of these improvement and repair projects could not have been undertaken without the financial support of the park. Our current road grant requests totaling \$59,000 have been approved; the request for assistance in removing dead trees was not and will not be approved.

Tree Removal: Road Superintendent Tesmer identified 27 trees on Stanford, Oak Hill, Wetmore and Hines Hill Road that should be removed. He obtained a quote from John's Tree Service for \$4,320.00 to remove the trees and a quote from Davey Tree for \$2,600.00 to remove the trees. **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, to accept the the quote from Davey Tree. Voting, All voting, YES. Motion passed.

Other Road Business: Mr. Tesmer reported leaf pickup continues; preventative maintenance has been taken on the twelve year old big truck; the current park grant for street light removal can be used only for street light removal, he has identified two more lights that can be removed; and that the community shredding was a success—85 people brought over 8,000 pounds of paper to shred. SASWMA will continue the program.

Other Business: Fiscal Officer Noragon reported that the premium increase from Anthem, on re-quote, has been reduced to 13.01%. The Anthem policy renews on December 1, 2007. She continues to investigate further savings through the Ohio Health Plan, underwritten by Herbruck Alder and managed by Medical Mutual. This plan's policy date is January 1st through December 31st. She recommended the Trustees renew the Anthem policy, which can be terminated at the end of any month, until quotes are received for the Medical Mutual policy.

Trustee Bergdorf announced that about 60 people attended the Community Potluck Dinner. He expressed the gratitude of all the Trustees for the good attendance and all the help provided.

Zoning Inspector Position: The Trustees will hold another work session meeting with candidate Larry Sulzer to discuss duties and compensation.

Facility Renovation: After discussion the Trustees asked the Fiscal Officer to appropriate \$50,000.00 to commence work on renovation of the Road Garage doors and upgrade of the old Road Garage to a meeting room.

Open Records Policy: After review, **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Anderson, to adopt the Ohio Township model Open Records Policy as the policy of the Township. Voting, All voting, YES. Motion passed. Copy of the policy is attached.

Records Commission: The Fiscal Officer announced the Certificate of Records Disposal was submitted to the Ohio Historical Society for approval on October 26th.

APPROPRIATIONS: None

TRANSFERS/ADVANCES: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Anderson, to approve the advance of \$162.09 from the General Fund to the Police Protection Fund. Voting, All voting, YES. Motion passed

PURCHASE ORDERS: None

BANK RECONCILIATION: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Anderson, to approve the October bank reconciliation prepared by Fiscal Officer Noragon. Voting, All voting, YES. Motion passed

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. All voting, YES. Motion passed. The Trustees entered into executive session at 8:30 P.M. The Trustees reconvened at 8:45 P.M. The Trustees announced no action was taken in executive session.

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

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER