

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

May 23, 2007

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

Police Protection Report. Chief McCue reported that April was an average month; the bike races went well; the parades will be on the 28th; the Harry Potter Festival will be July 21st, and probably will be a one day event this year. There was discussion of motor cycle noise; the Chief will report back on his ability to control illegal motor cycle mufflers.

Police Contract: The Trustees requested the proposed new contract be approved by Peninsula Council before the Trustees consider it. Trustee Ritch also noted that a proposal will be obtained from the Summit County Sheriff's Department.

Zoning: Assistant Zoning Inspector Mayer reported he stopped fill dirt dumping at the Don-El Motel because no permits were obtained. Abul Hashim, the owner, was cited for property expansion without permits and an unenclosed dumpster. Mr. Mayer will continue to work with Mr. Hashim toward compliance.

Mr. Mayer reported that through Summit Soil and Water, he has involved the Ohio EPA in Akron Cleveland Road violations. The Ohio EPA has cited All-Ohio Landscaping and Earth 'n Wood for their violations and given a time table for corrections.

Zoning Inspector Paul Kaczmariski reported he has received a notice of appeal from Rex Post, attorney, for All Ohio Landscaping. The appeal will be on the June BZA agenda. However, All Ohio has also indicated they want to secure zoning permits for the current use of the facility and have requested a pre-submission conference for the zoning permits in June. This would delay the BZA appeal to July.

Clerk Noragon presented a notice of a Land Use Zoning Law and Litigation seminar to be held in June. **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch, to authorize the expense of Ed Pullekens, Paul Kaczmariski and Doug Mayer attending the seminar. All voting: YES. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the May 9, 2007 meeting submitted by the clerk. **Motion** by Ritch seconded by Bergdorf, to approve the minutes as submitted. Voting, All voting, YES. Motion passed.

Correspondences. Clerk Noragon reviewed the various correspondences received by the Township.

Township Buildings and Grounds. Trustee Ritch reported that the revised lease has been given to the BTHC for review. The Hall Committee will meet with their consultant to work on cost estimates for the lower level renovation. The BTHC will put a new pad at the lower level back door and make the entrance handicapped accessible. Some siding needs replaced and repairs to the bell tower floor are needed.

Landscaping: There was discussion of flower beds along the back fence, which will require raising the fence. Trustees Ritch and Bergdorf expressed their appreciation to Trustee Anderson for planting the flower bed along the building.

Future Planning and JEDD. Trustee Ritch reported that cost proposals for temporary sewer connection will be presented to the Don-El and Midway.

JEDD district income tax collection: Clerk Noragon distributed the monthly recap of income tax collections. She indicated that compliance is less than 100% and reviewed her letter to the Cuyahoga Falls Tax Administrator outlining deficiencies and requesting action to secure 100% compliance. Clerk Noragon also said she had come late to the realization that several businesses are in rental properties and she is in the process of getting the landlords registered as businesses. She also said the storage units at J C Jones Corporation are sold to individual owners, not leased, and she will secure the names of the owners so that Cuyahoga Falls can register them.

JEDD district zoning upgrade: Trustee Bergdorf reported he has a proposal from Ken Crandall. Mr. Crandall says our current zoning is a good start, but it should be strengthened. His proposal for this work is \$3,000.00 plus expenses. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to accept the proposal. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. The expense of the work will be charged against income tax revenue.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported that the fire station sign will be installed soon.

Road Department. **Motion** by Ritch, second by Bergdorf, to increase the hourly rate of both Road Department employees by 3%, effective May 30, 2007. All voting Yes. Motion passed.

East Barlow Road: Legal Counsel Pulekins distributed copies of Ohio Revised Code pertaining to installing No Parking signs on East Barlow Road. He said the signs are permissible on a "rational basis." The Road Department will proceed with installation.

Adopt-A-Highway: Legal Counsel Pulekins distributed a draft application for the program. Trustees Bergdorf and Ritch will review the application.

Park Grants: Trustee Anderson reported confusion at the Park Service in assembling the grant application paperwork. She will stay in contact with Park representatives.

NEO/SO: Doug Mayer reported that NEO/SO representatives will meet with Road Superintendent Tim Tesmer to review services available. Clerk Noragon reported completing a NEO/SO questionnaire about road salt use; NEO/SO is hopeful of presenting a competitive salt price to its members.

Sale of old truck: There was discussion of selling the Township's old small truck on E-Bay. Trustee Bergdorf will check the Auditor of State's requirements and Clerk Noragon will check with other entities who have used this method. Both will report later.

Other Business: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to commend Jason Orahoske, a township resident, for his achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in Troup 371; earning over 21 merit badges, planning and overseeing the installation of a bicycle rack and upgrading outside storage units for the Peninsula Library and Historical Society. All voting: Yes. Motion passed.

Boston Union Cemetery: Trustees Anderson and Bergdorf reported on presenting the need for operating funds at the Peninsula Village Council Meeting May 14th. The entire cemetery board and clerk were present; this is the third time Cemetery Board members have appeared before Council. Trustee Bergdorf reported that Council wants to review the availability of inside millage and revisit the subject at their June meeting. **Motion** by Anderson, second by Ritch, to abandon attempts before Council, but to wait until Peninsula approaches Boston with a proposal. All voting, Yes. Motion passed. The trustees noted all possible budget cuts have been implemented and they are relying partially on donations. Legal Counsel Pulekins will contact Peninsula Village Counsel Ed Muse to learn of the status of Mr. Muse' list of funding alternatives for the Cemetery.

Budget Commission/Boston Union Cemetery: Trustee Anderson further reported that recent inquiries to the Summit County Fiscal Office for inside millage information has

precipitated a review by the Summit County Budget Commission. The Commission says the Union Cemetery must come before the Budget Commission to justify expense and the need for an increase in revenue. The Commission has notified Trustee Anderson that budget information from the Cemetery had been improperly submitted for the last twenty years. Trustee Anderson will report on her effort to correct perceived errors.

CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS: Trustee Bergdorf reported that the commission members up for reappointment actually are Janice Kiser, Zoning Commission and Ray Hach, Board of Zoning Appeals. He has contacted them and they are willing to serve another term.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to appoint Janice Kiser to a five year term ending September 4, 2012 on the Zoning Commission. All voting: YES. Motion passed.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to appoint Ray Hach to a five year term ending June 3, 2012 on the Board of Zoning Appeals.. All voting: YES. Motion passed.

APPROPRIATIONS: None

TRANSFERS/ADVANCES: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, to approve the transfer \$2,222.59 from Star Ohio Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax Fund (2231) to First Merit Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax Fund to fund repairs to the big truck; Star Ohio check 5020 signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson. All voting: YES. Motion passed.

PURCHASE ORDERS: None

BANK RECONCILIATION: None

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN

CLERK