

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

March 14, 2007

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

Woodridge Bulldogs Boys Cross Country Team: Signage recognizing the Cross Country Team as the 2006 State Champions will be placed on selected township roads. Present at this meeting to view the signs and accept framed replicas to place at the school were Coaches Jeff Howard and Stan Stammen; runner Scott Hilditch, and his parents Dan Hildich and Jeanie Rilling. They were congratulated on the achievement and expressed their appreciation of the recognition. The signs will be placed on Akron-Cleveland Road, Akron-Peninsula Road, Riverview Road, Quick Road and State Route 303 in Peninsula.

Police Protection Report. Chief McCue presented his montly report. He said that February was a high accident month, but no serious injuries occurred. He reported that the owner of Wholesale Auto Brokers, formerly occupying the building at 5650 Akron-Cleveland Road is charged with grand theft-larceny resulting from his operations there. They are also investigating thefts at Boston Mills. Chief McCue reported that the footrace went well and that bicycle races and the MS walk are still coming up. He has no additional information of the SWAT invoice from the Summit County Sheriff's Office.

Road Superintendent Tim Tesmer expressed his thanks to officer John Petrovich for assisting in the removal of abandoned trailers on East Barlow Road.

Zoning: Assistant Zoning Inspector Doug Mayer reported he is working with Counsel Pullekens to document all violations at All-Ohio. They intend to be thorough in the process, but indicate citations will be issued to All-Ohio soon.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the February 28, 2007 meeting submitted by the clerk. **Motion** by Ritch seconded by Bergdorf, to approve the minutes as submitted. Voting, All voting, YES.

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

Township Buildings and Grounds. Trustee Ritch reported that Tim Tesmer will cut down the septic stacks in the parking lot and the Boston Township Hall Committee will install metal covers. He said the wood floor in the main room of the wood building has been refinished and looks very good. There are fire prevention issues with the lower level remodeling. The code consultant for the BTHC will make corrections for the remodeling to move on.

Future Planning and JEDD. Trustee Jerry Ritch reported that our Council Representative, Nick Kostandaras, is working with Mike Weant on the temporary sewer line and Mr. Kostandaras feels progress is being made.

The Clerk circulated a letter from Attorney Al Schrader, who wanted the trustees to be aware of the December 2006 change to the JEDD statute, effectively prohibiting unilateral tax abatements in a JEDD area.

Paul Zaczmarksi, Zoning Inspector, will meet on March 15th with Mr. Crandall, who will be presenting zoning recommendations to the Trustees.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported that the station sign has been approved by the Cuyahoga Valley National Park; that a street light will be installed that will also provide lighting for the sign. Trustee Miller will obtain a sign permit from the Village of Peninsula. The hiring of three new first responders on a one year probationary period was approved. They are Scott Duber, paramedic and firefighter; Dave Sharp, EMT and firefighter; and John Kavalecheck, who has no training. These men are more local and consideration was given to that for the purpose of station coverage for off-duty hours. In addition to the pay increases for the officers, the Fire District Trustees approved a change in pay rate for duty and call hours from \$11.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour.

Trustee Anderson also reported that the Air Pack bid package is being prepared, and that the district will be sending three people for the Ohio State University Basic Fire Investigation course.

Trustee Anderson asked Tim Tesmer if the front bays of the road garage could be made available to the Fire Association for their annual Memorial Day coffee and donuts, and he said it would be done. Trustee Anderson also reported that Richfield Village, Dispatch for the Fire District, has installed a Power 911 system, costing \$127,000.00. This system will allow them to locate and track any 911 call from a cell phone, using the County GIS system.

Road Department. Road Superintendent Tim Tesmer presented a proposed logo for the new truck. **Motion** by Ritch, second by Bergdorf, to put the logo on Township trucks and any other appropriate equipment. All voting: YES. Motion passed.

Other Business: Clerk Noragon circulated year to date financial reports for the month ending February, 2007.

The Clerk made a brief overview of new public records requirements and expressed the hope that additional information will be forthcoming from the State Attorney General's Office as the requirements must be implemented.

The Clerk distributed information about a new organization, The Northeast Ohio Sourcing Office (NEO/SO). Many entities in Northeastern Ohio appear on their membership list. Trustee Anderson will contact Mayor Mike Lyons of Richfield Village, already a member, and request information on benefits of joining.

Trustee Bergdorf circulated the annual report of the Union Cemetery. An e-mail has been received from Peninsula Council Member Robert Hunker, Finance, indicating the Village cannot assist financially and suggesting the Cemetery seek grants to supplement their operating income. Township Legal Counsel Pullekens indicated there may be inside millage available by a joint resolution of the Village and the Township. He will prepare a plan and consult the Township Trustees.

CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, to appoint Lida Flowers Brandt as Zoning Secretary, conditional on her review and acceptance of the job description. All voting: YES. Motion passed.

MOTION by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, to appoint Anne Marie Griffith to the Board of Zoning Appeals, to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Christian (term expiring June 3, 2008). All voting: YES. Motion passed.

APPROPRIATIONS: The clerk presented Revised Permanent Appropriations, revised to use Motor Vehicle License Tax Funds and Road and Bridge Funds in the purchase of the new truck. **Motion** by Ritch, second by Bergdorf, to approve the Revised Permanent Appropriations presented by the clerk. All voting: YES. Motion passed.

TRANSFERS/ADVANCES: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, to approve the following transfers and advances:

- 1. Advance \$1,000.00 from the General Fund (1000) to the Gasoline Tax Fund (2021) to fund road department payroll;
- 2. Repayment advance \$1,000.00 from Gasoline Tax Fund (2021) to General Fund (1000) after receipt of the March gasoline tax settlement.
- 3. Advance \$1,247.46 from the General Fund (1000) to Road and Bridge (2031) to fund the new truck payment until the April tax settlement is received.
- 4. \$12,000.00 from Star Ohio General Fund to First Merit General Fund (1000); \$6,000.00 from Star Ohio Gasoline Tax Fund to First Merit Gasoline Tax Fund (2031); \$13,000.00 from Star Ohio Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund to First Merit Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund (2011). Total: \$31,000.00, Star Ohio check 5018, signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson.

All voting: YES. Motion passed.

PURCHASE ORDERS: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, to approve the following purchase orders which encumber the revised permanent appropriations:

SBC57-2007	2011-330-323	\$2,151.04	
SBC58-2007	2011-330-360	\$500.00	
SBC59-2007	2011-330-420	\$1,480.73	
SBC60-2007	2011-330-430	\$981.50	
SBC61-2007	2011-760-750	\$13,000.00	Revised to Then & Now
SBC62-2007	2031-330-323	\$2,500.00	
SBC63-2007	2031-330-351	\$2,933.75	
SBC64-2007	2031-330-353	\$1,910.78	
SBC65-2007	2031-330-430	\$2,075.18	
SBC66-2007	2031-760-750	\$8,000.00	Revised to Then & Now

All voting: YES. Motion passed.

BANK RECONCILIATION: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, to approve the February 2007 bank reconciliation prepared by Clerk Noragon. All Voting YES. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL: **MOTION** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf to accept the payroll as 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 by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf to adjourn. All voting yes. Motion Passed. Meeting duly adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK