

BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 2007

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

Police Protection Report. Chief McCue from the Peninsula Police Department was present. He reviewed the written report for January 2007 activities of the Peninsula Police Department in Boston Township. Chief McCue reported he has received complaints concerning both ODOT salt trucks and Kokosing Construction trucks from the I-271 project traveling too fast on Boston Mills Road and using jake brakes. He is following up these complaints with each party. He is also following up the Summit County Engineer's office concerning ice on Riverview Road at the I-271 construction site. It is a problem the Engineer's Office has been prompt in handling in the past.

Chief McCue said they have been asked to assist at the April 29th Multiple Sclerosis Tow Path Walk at Boston Mills, where police officers will escort walkers across Boston Mills Road. Planning for the Harry Potter Fest on July 21st will be getting underway.

There was general discussion of the traffic problems that occur when bicycle and foot race events are routed through the valley. The Summit Athletic Running Club will have an event on March 11th, for which they have obtained a parade permit from Cuyahoga Falls. This event will involve Boston Township only on the Quick Road portion of the route. Whether this is the proper type of permit was discussed, as well as the possibility of requiring permits in the Township for these types of events. There was discussion of the effectiveness of permits for regulating events and of charging a permit fee for the purpose of defraying the expense of additional police officers. The clerk indicated she will look into the matter and report at a future meeting.

Zoning: The clerk reminded those in attendance that Ken Crandall, planning consultant for Richfield Village will be at the February 28th Trustee Meeting and will answer questions on zoning. Lida Flowers, Zoning Commission member, has sent a reminder to both zoning boards that their attendance is requested.

Wes Bergdorf, Zoning Clerk and Secretary, long associated with both zoning boards, announced he wants to step down in favor of a younger person taking over. The Trustees expressed deep gratitude for his long service to the community and urged him to remain involved with the zoning boards as the ranking citizen with in depth knowledge of the zoning history of the township. The Trustees indicated they would advertise the open position in the next issue of the *Community News*. Application will be required by March 7th for review at the March 14th Trustee Meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the January 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. The trustees discussed the renovations necessary in the former road garage to convert it to a meeting room, a records storage room and a zoning office. Each trustee has the preliminary plan submitted by Paul Kaczmariski. It was agreed to set up a work session to finalize plans. Trustee Ritch will arrange a convenient date for Paul Kaczmariski and set the date.

Trustee Ritch reported that during the current cold spell the Township Hall furnace failed, pipes froze and burst, building material in the renovation area was lost and the

cistern emptied. Jim Hammond has made repairs. In addition, the pad in front of the lower entrance door rose this winter, due to the extreme cold, to the point that door cannot be opened. The pad will be removed and replaced in the spring. In addition, the plastic covers on the septic pipes are exposed to damage from traffic. They will be lowered at the surface of the drive and the covers replaced with steel covers.

Valley Fire District Update. Trustee Anderson indicated that the February 13th meeting of the Board of Trustees was cancelled due to heavy snow and has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 17th at 1:00 P.M. She mentioned the recent dormitory fire at Camp Butler. The fire district is also investigating the possibility of a street light at Dogwood Drive and State Route 303. Robin Patton, the Ohio Edison's representative to the Township, is checking the possibilities.

Road Department. The trustees expressed their appreciation to the township road department for their exemplary work in maintaining township roads in the current snow storms. It was noted that ODOT will be asked to realign the lights at their salt barn, which are interfering with vision at Stein Road, Major Road and State Route 303.

Trustee Bergdorf reported that the resident in the last house on Stanford Road is requesting installation of a street light. The road is in Boston Township, the house is in Sagamore Hills. This end of the road has seen congregations of people who are not residents, causing a patrol problem for the Peninsula Police. The trustees have attempted to address the problem in the past with signage indicating parking is not permitted. Trustee Bergdorf indicated installation of lighting might deter the problem. There was discussion of which entity should incur the cost of erecting the pole and maintaining light service. It was decided to refer the problem back to Sagamore Hills.

Future Planning and JEDD. Trustee Jerry Ritch reported that Mike Weant, Summit County Director of Administration, says the Seasons Road pump station plans and Route 8/Seasons Road interchange plans have been finalized. He agrees this would be a good time to lay trunk lines to the JEDD area. This would happen next year, pushing the time table for JEDD area sewer lines out two years. Trustee Anderson stated the trustees had anticipated this time frame. Trustee Ritch further reported that approval between the County and Cuyahoga Falls for the Don El and Midway properties to tie into the sewer system remains verbal, but he is confident it will be reduced to writing. He says Virgil Arrington tells him that boundary issues remain between Cuyahoga Falls and the County. Trustee Ritch stated he will attempt to involve our Council representative, Nick Kostandaras in the negotiations.

Trustee Anderson circulated a petition initiated by Abul Hashim, owner of the Don El Motel, urging the trustees to expedite sewer service in the JEDD area and to establish bus service on Akron-Cleveland Road. Trustee Ritch will contact Mr. Hashim with an update on the sewers; Trustee Anderson will follow through with Metro Transportation regarding public transportation for the area.

It was also reported that the property at 4592 Northampton Road, of concern to the Health Department, will be renovated in the spring.

Other Business: Clerk Noragon reported that the Village of Peninsula has set the annual joint meeting between the Village and Township for March 12, 2007, at the Peninsula Town Hall.

The trustees indicated they had reviewed the PLUS endorsement offered by Siebert-Keck. After additional discussion it was decided not to add the additional coverage.

The SWAT invoice was discussed with Chief McCue while he was at the meeting. It is his opinion the cost of the service is covered by tax payer dollars and the invoice not be paid. Clerk Noragon indicated the check previously written has been voided.

Clerk Noragon reported that J&J Refuse will be one day behind schedule in trash collections for the current week due to the bad weather.

After discussion of joining the Cuyahoga Valley Communities Council for the current year, it was decided not to be a member. The trustees believe the Council is no longer representative of the Cuyahoga Valley communities and our cost to join exceeds any benefit to be realized.

The trustees reviewed the recognition signage for the Woodridge High School Boys Cross Country Team, for installation along roads in the township. After discussion, **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf, to proceed with purchasing the signs. All voting, YES.

The clerk distributed financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2007, and indicated the township continues to manage its resources well.

CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS: The trustees executed the first year contract extension of the current rubbish collection contract with J & J Refuse. The clerk will forward the documents for their countersignature.

APPROPRIATIONS: None

TRANSFERS/ADVANCES: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the following transfer: \$5,000.00 from Star Ohio Road and Bridge fund to First Merit Road and Bridge Fund, Star Ohio check 5017, signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson. All voting, YES.

PURCHASE ORDERS: **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the following purchase Orders: SBC 56-2007, \$4,500.00 (1000-110-599, Other). All voting, YES.

BANK RECONCILIATION; **MOTION** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf to accept the 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