

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

October 11, 2006

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

Police Protection Report. Chief McCue was present and he gave a lengthy update in regard to the current activities of the Peninsula Police Department as they relate to Boston Township. The Stanford Road situation was reviewed. Chief McCue reminded everyone that the community Halloween party is set for October 31 at the middle school. The Pancake breakfast is set for November 5, 2006. Chief McCue reviewed the upcoming work on Route 303, weather permitting. Chief McCue stated that the police would give extra attention to the cemetery properties during the Halloween season.

Zoning: The Northcoast PCS issue has been resolved. Martin Griffith was present and he gave the trustees a thorough report about his review and research in regard to ways to get sewer/water to the Akron Cleveland Road JEDD area.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the September 27, 2006 meeting submitted by the clerk. **Motion** by Ritch seconded by Bergdorf, to approve the minutes as submitted. Voting, All voting, YES.

Insurance Presentation-Seibert Keck: A representative from Seibert Keck was present to discuss proposed renewal pricing from current insurance carriers as well as to discuss other avenues that are being explored in regard to the township's insurance. At this point, it appears that the insurance costs for the period 1/1/07-1/1/-08 are coming in at about a 2% reduction from last year's rates. Westfield will be reviewing the building valuation next week to be sure the limits represent the 90% replacement cost. Also, Seibert Keck has contacted Westfield to see if a Historic Building Valuation Endorsement can be added for the Wood School Building. This means that if a building that is generally recognized as having historic or aesthetic value is damaged, the carrier will repair or replace with the same materials, workmanship, and architectural features provided they are reasonably available. The Trustee indicated that they had expected a final proposal this evening. Seibert Keck indicated that a final proposal would be available by the next regular meeting of the Trustees scheduled for October 25, 2006.

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

Township Buildings and Grounds. There was discussion in regard to the parking lot issues. Road superintendent Tim Tesmer gave a report in regard to the parking lot drainage. Trustee Jerry Ritch reported that the roof is being replaced in the vacated fire department property. It was determined that new decking was required with the appropriate new insulation. The additional work authorized by the BTHC will cost an approximately \$7,000.00 more. The BTHC is replacing the damaged door referenced at the last meeting. Finally, the Trustees and Tim Tesmer reviewed the list of improvements that the road department has suggested before occupancy of the vacated fire department property is completed. **MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Ritch to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 to do the primary improvements to the vacated fire department space in order to facilitate the occupancy of the same by the township road department. All Voting, YES.

Valley Fire District Update. Trustee Amy Anderson reported that the Dogwood Lane location for the new fire station is up and running. An Open House is set for Sunday, October 22, 2006 from noon-4:00 PM at the new station. The replacement levy for equipment is on the November 7, 2006 ballot. Information about the levy will be forthcoming. Trustee Anderson wants to commend the members of the Valley Fire District for the hours of volunteer time given to complete the move to Dogwood Lane and for the contributed labor. She especially noted that Fire Chief, Charles Riedel has taken 2 weeks of vacation time from his regular job in order to work on the move and related renovations. All the trustees expressed their appreciation to the Valley Fire Department members.

Road Department. Road Superintendent Tim Tesmer was present and reviewed the activities of the road department. Trustee Bergdorf reported that the street light at the end of Wyoga Lake Road is out. Tim Tesmer will look into the matter.

Future Planning. Trustee Jerry Ritch reported on the JEDD Board activities. There has been no new meetings and the City of Cuyahoga Falls has not appointed the remaining members from Cuyahoga Falls to the JEDD zoning board. Trustee Ritch stressed the sewer issue is one of the main issues that will have to be addressed. The income tax in the JEDD area is in place. The community potluck dinner has been set for November 11, 2006 at 6:00 PM, subject to the availability of the room. The Trustees were reminded that Greg Bachman is scheduled to attend the October 25, 2006 meeting of the Trustees.

Other Business: The township employee handbook draft was circulated by the clerk to the Trustees and legal counsel. She asked that everyone review the draft in order that it can be discussed at the next meeting of the trustees.

Clerk Noragon reviewed the current township financial statements (copies given out). The year to date income is up in every fund except police protection. The increases chiefly are accounted for by interest income and road work grants. The latter are offset by the expense. Year to date expense is significantly increased by the purchase of the new truck. Revenue is slightly ahead of expense at the end of the 3rd quarter. We will be incurring other extraordinary expense this year, e.g. parking lot improvements, etc.

The Trustee discussed continuing the Senior/Disabled Citizen snowplowing program. The Trustee asked that legal counsel prepare updated applications and related material to be circulated. Trustee Amy Anderson will follow through on the program. An updated list is needed. O'Bryan will plow for the same price as last year.

The next Bostons, Peninsula and Richfield meeting is set for October 31, 2006 at 8:30 A.M. at the Boston Heights Hall.

The next TASC meeting is set for November 14, 2006. Election of officers and labor management is on the agenda.

The clerk presented the trustees with a resolution to accept the amounts and rates for the tax levies as presented. **Motion** by Ritch, seconded by Bergdorf accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Summit County Fiscal Office. All Voting: YES.

The trustees asked legal counsel to review the Riparian Setback Ordinance that the Summit County Council has passed. The ordinance requires setback for newly constructed buildings along all streams within unincorporated areas of the Summit County. Tim Tesmer suggested that Boston Township adopt the resolution. The trustees will discuss the same at a future meeting after legal counsel has reviewed the matter.

