

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

February 22, 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. There was no police report. Trustee Anderson did report that the Peninsula Police recently made a significant arrest on Keenan Road.

Zoning: Zoning inspector Paul Kaczmarek was not present at the meeting. Wes Bergdorf, zoning secretary, was present. He asked the trustees opinion about looking at the current zoning in the JEDD area. The trustees indicated that it may be prudent to have a professional look at the situation. Summit County will be contacted for possible direction.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the February 8, 2006 meeting submitted by the clerk. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes as submitted. All Voting, Yes

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

Township Buildings and Grounds The key to the furnace room has been received. Tim Tesmer has the key in his office. Clerk Noragon will inventory the contents of the room. Trustee Ritch indicated that the cistern has been repaired. Trustee Bergdorf indicated that the work in the basement area is progressing. The code for the township lock was given to the trustees.

Valley Fire District Update Trustee Amy Anderson reported that the Valley Fire District has entered into a lease with the National Park Service (NPS) for the Dogwood Lane site for the new fire station. The matter is progressing. The trustees reviewed a proposed cooperative agreement between the village, fire district and township in regard to the renovations to the road/drive area to the Dogwood property. Upon review, **MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf to enter into the cooperative agreement. All voting, YES. Attorney Pullekens indicated that he would send the signed agreement to Peninsula for its review and approval. The matter would then be presented to the Valley Fire District for approval. Trustee Anderson reported that the fire district has increased the rates for rescue squad runs and has added a mileage fee. The fees affect non-residents and are in line with the other communities and the appropriate Medicare/insurance reimbursement approved rates. The trustees reviewed an email from Mike Kaplan, Mayor of Peninsula, in regard to various possibilities in regard the possible relocation of the Village road department and the possible partnership with the township in developing a new mutually used site. The Trustees indicated that they would review the matter with an open mind. However, the consensus was that the trustees did not want to do anything that would delay the fire department relocation project.

Road Department. The road department has reported that all the equipment is in good working order and that all is going well. Trustee Anderson gave a detailed report in regard to her finding in regard to truck purchases by other road departments in the area. The entire matter will be reviewed at the next meeting of the trustees. If the township wants to order a 2007 truck, the order must be made by May 2006. It was reported that the closing of Boston Mills Road would be delayed until March 13, 2006. Clerk Noragon reported that the township has been informed that it has been granted a \$15,000.00 CDBG grant for chip and seal roadwork for the Rt. 8 corridor. The issue of whether the matter had to be publicly bidden was discussed, inasmuch as federal funds are involved. Once we receive the grant documents, the appropriate rules and federal regulations that must be followed will be included in the award package. The matter will be confirmed with Michele Dolenic, Summit County Community Development director for the CDBG program.

Future Planning. The JEDD approval and the Police Levy issues have been filed with the Summit County Board of Elections. The trustees will discuss how the issues will be presented to the community at a future meeting.

Other Business: In regard to the Sagamore Hills-Stanford Road matter, Trustee Anderson reported that she has not received any feedback from Nick Kostandaras, Summit County Council Representative, who agreed to look at the issue.

Clerk Noragon reported that the next TASC meeting will be on March 7, 2006. The speaker will be Nick Kostandaras.

Clerk Noragon reported that Tim Tesmer has approximately 70 street markers that can be made available for sale to Peninsula. The Trustees will determine the cost of the materials and readdress the issue at the next meeting.

Clerk Noragon indicated that in regard to the proposed township employee handbook the comments of Jerry Ritch have been indexed to the Boston Township handbook draft. The trustees will review the matter at a future meeting.

Clerk Noragon indicated that she had further contact with First Energy in regard to the street light issue. Per Robyn Patton, our First Energy contact person, our contract states that streetlights can be removed, but cannot be turned off. She says that the only “indigent community” program available is the one the township is currently under. The cost of street light electricity is billed at 5.7 cents vs. 15.55 cents. Ms. Patton suggested removing one light per year, or assessing the homeowners via property taxes. Since the NPS considers the lights a source of light pollution, Clerk Noragon suggested that the township apply for a grant from the NPS to pay for removal. Clerk Noragon stated that Tim Tesmer will explore the issue and write the grant application for the removal, if funds are available.

Boston Township, Peninsula Village, Valley Fire and Peninsula Library are still exploring the possibility of having a joint public auction in May. One drawback discussed was the cost of advertising for the auction. The trustees suggested that we look into the possibility of disposing the items on Ebay. Clerk Noragon indicated that she would look into the matter.

CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS	NONE
APPROPRIATIONS:	NONE
TRANSFERS/ADVANCES	NONE
PURCHASE ORDERS:	NONE
BANK RECONCILIATION;	NONE

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL: MOTION by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to accept the payroll as prepared by Clerk Noragon. All voting yes.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS: MOTION by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch to pay the bills prepared by Clerk Noragon. All voting yes.

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

CHAIRMAN

CLERK