

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

August 24, 2005

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

The trustees asked that Edward C. Pullekens take the minutes of the meeting.

Police Protection Report. There was no report submitted by the Peninsula Police. The trustees expressed their get-well wishes for office Officer John Petrovich. The Trustees expressed their thanks to officer Ed Westfall for his assistance in regard to recent events at the cemetery.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the August 10, 2005 submitted by the clerk. **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Puchalsky 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 sidewalk and waterproofing project is progressing. Mr. & Mrs. Morris attended the meeting to discuss issues concerning the drainage/water flow onto their property. They produced pictures. The Trustees indicated that the Boston Township Hall Committee was still reviewing the matter and that a professional has been asked to look into the matter. Hopefully, the review will be completed within the near future. There has been no work on the status of the grant application made by the BTHC to the GAR Foundation. The next meeting of the BTHC is set for September.

Valley Fire District Update. Trustee John Puchalsky reported that the NPS, John Debo, superintendent, has contacted the fire district and indicated that the approval from the federal government for the Dogwood Land site looks promising. A meeting will be held between the fire district and the NPS within the near future. The fire department personnel are completing the NIMS training and testing. The fire district has been verbally informed that the district has been awarded a FEMA grant. Hopefully, the grant will be confirmed in writing within the near future. Mr. Puchalsky reported that the number of runs are down..

Road Department. There was ongoing discussion about the Krecji dump clean-up project and its impact on Hines Hill Road. Per the request of Tim Tesmer, the Summit County Engineer has looked at the matter and has provided financial review of the potential costs if the road is damaged by the heavy trucks. A copy of the engineer's analysis is attached. A **MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf to request a bond in the amount of \$250,000.00 to cover potential losses/damages to the road by any contractor/entity doing excavation/removal involving heavy equipment on township roads per the estimates of the Summit County Engineer. All voting, YES.

The trustees reviewed the Sanford Road shoulder repair project. The NPS has approved the use of grant monies already awarded for the project. The appropriate documentation will be executed and forwarded to the NPS.

Future Planning. Ms. Anderson reported that she has not been able to make contact with Special Legal Counsel, Al Schrader, in regard to the JEDD. She will follow up on the matter.

Zoning Zoning Inspector, Paul Kaczmarski, was present and reported on the activities of the various zoning groups. Mr. Kaczmarks reported that he will be sending out violation letters next week. Wes Bergdorf was also present and he passed out minutes from the various zoning meetings.

Other Business: The representative from Ohio Edison was present and inquired about any problems the township may be experiencing relative to electrical service.

Clerk Noragon reported that Greg Bachman, Summit County Engineer, would like to attend the September 28, 2005 meeting. He will update the trustees on the projects in Boston Township and will review any concerns/questions that the Trustees may have.

Clerk Noragon stated that she looked into the State Purchasing Program. The dues are \$110.00 per year. However, the deadline has passed to be included in the current contracts, but she will gather more information for next year. The township should know about the status of its CUE application by the next regular trustees' meeting.

Clerk Noragon indicated that she is still working to review the issues surrounding the cell tower zoning/inspection records. Paul Kaczmarski is still gathering the information that she needs to complete her review.

Clerk Noragon reported that she has received no response in regard to the Summit County Engineer's salt bill.

Clerk Noragon reported that the UAN is replacing the Township's computer in October. She has requested that a technician coordinate the set up. There is no extra charge for the assistance.

Clerk Noragon reviewed last year's senior snow plowing contract matters. Doug O'Bryan charges approx. \$24.00/drive; Kraynik charged by length but averaged \$23.00/drive per session. The trustees asked that the clerk obtain written quotes and coordinate the contract with legal counsel Ed Pulekins. The matter will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Clerk Noragon reported that the tangible personal property tax is being phased out and is being replaced by a commercial activity tax. TPP in 2004 was \$16,240 of \$150,256 of the total police fund revenue. Police fund expense was \$147,140. The Summit County Auditor has no data to show how this new tax will affect revenue. Clerk Noragon is looking into the matter.

Amy Anderson reported that township residents Pat and Gary Amore, 1600 Woodland Drive, have contacted the Ohio Turnpike Commission seeking a solution to problems with noise, vegetation, dirt, insects and property devaluation, which have become issues since the new bridges over the Cuyahoga Valley National Park have been completed. The new bridges are higher and 75 to 100 feet closer to the Amore property. The Trustees discussed appealing to legislators in Ohio in support of the Amores', and will discuss the matter further pending outcome of a meeting Monday, August 29th, of the Amores' and the Ohio Turnpike Comission.

The trustees reviewed the vandalism at the cemetery. The matter is being monitored by the police.

The trustees are looking into the possibility of erecting a sign on the Township property. A copy of the Peninsula sign zoning resolution was given to legal counsel, Ed Pullekens for review. Zoning inspector, Paul Kaczmariski, will also review the resolution and give the trustees his assessment of what can be done.

Randy Bergdorf reviewed various possible veteran memorial projects. He is still looking for ideas of a proper memorial to honors the veterans from the Township.

The Boston Township agreed to act as a nominal sponsor for a holiday bazaar benefiting the non-profit organizations in the township. Further information will be forthcoming.

CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS: None

APPROPRIATIONS: None.

TRANSFERS/ADVANCES: None

PURCHASE ORDERS: None

BANK RECONCILIATION; None

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

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

MOTION by Randy Bergdorf, seconded by John Puchalsky to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK