

BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

August 10, 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. Officer John Petrovich was present on behalf of the Peninsula Police Department. Officer Petrovich reviewed the monthly police report and responded to the questions of the trustees.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the July 27, 2005 meeting 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 on the property is being repaired/replaced by the BTHC. The work is still progressing. There will be no meeting of the BTHC this month.

Valley Fire District Update. Trustee John Puchalsky reported on the current happenings in the fire department. He reported that there has been no additional word from the National Park Service in regard to the government's review of the proposed relocation site for the fire station. Mr. Puchalsky indicated that the fire district is looking at other alternatives and that the undue delay in the review process will be brought to the attention of the park officials. Mr. Puchalsky reported that the fire district received a \$5,000 EMS grant and a \$10,000 wildfire fighting grant from the NPS. A new off road vehicle was purchased with the NPS grant, which was a 90%-10% matching grant. Mr. Puchalsky reviewed the current activity runs for the department. The billing receipts from rescue runs have been on the increase. Mr. Puchalsky reported that the fire district is staying with First Energy as the electric provider for the district. Mr. Puchalsky reported that the radio grant application has been submitted as part of a joint application with the Peninsula Police Department. Finally, Mr. Puchalsky reported that the fire district is looking into joining a group to reduce the growing worker's compensation rates being paid by the fire district.

Road Department. The Trustees acknowledged the retirement of Sigmund Wojtkowski, Jr. as a long time employee of the road department. His years of service were acknowledged. It was reported that Tim Tesmer is in contact with the contractor working on the interstate 271 project about the possibility of obtaining asphalt grindings that may be of use by the township. Scobie Road will be chipped & sealed next week. The Trustees discussed and are looking into the possibility that extra funds may still be available for various NPS grants that can be used for road striping projects. The NPS has indicated that the funds can be used for any road safety purpose. The trustees will review the matter at a later meeting. Tim Tesmer is looking into the costs associated with the possibility of the Township taking over the ice and snow removal now being contracted for from the county. The trustees asked questions about the condition of the equipment and the manpower issues associated with such a move. The Trustees will review the entire matter at a later meeting.

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 contact him again. Ms. Anderson circulated various articles about JEDD issues, the Twinsburg annexation lawsuit and other matters of interest. She asked that the trustees review the various articles.

Zoning Wes Bergdorf was present and reported on the activities of the various zoning groups.

Other Business: The trustees reviewed the monthly fuel use reports submitted for their review.

Clerk Noragon reported that she has been informed that the CUE application submitted by the township will be reviewed and voted on by the CUE at its September 13, 2005 meeting. The application (dues) fee has been raised to \$200.00 per year. A check to reflect the application (dues) increase is in the current warrants to be reviewed later.

Clerk Noragon reported that the electrical problem in her office has been reviewed by Terry Taylor. Apparently there is some electric flow between the ground and office outlets. Attempts to rectify the matter (i.e. disconnecting a motor somewhere in the mix) did not solve the problem. However, Mr. Taylor is confident that the township computer is protected by the power pack.

Clerk Noragon reported that she still needs paperwork from zoning inspector Paul Kaczmariski for Cingular and inspection records for Nextel and Cingular in order to be able to invoice the inspection fees. Clerk Noragon reported that she may have located the zoning paperwork for the Boston Mills cell tower.

Clerk Noragon gave the Trustees an update on the retained interest matter. The issue was referred to Dennis Hamm of the NPS, who is working with Jay Curry (Summit County Fiscal Office). Per Dennis Hamm, Mr. Hazelwood is exempt due to age at selling plus Homestead Exemption and his tax liability is included in the annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes received from the NPS (\$974 in 2004). Mr. Hamm said he will review the matter with Mr. Curry and give the township a written report on the matter.

Clerk Noragon reported on her contact with Dan Steutzer from the state auditor's office. He indicated that there can be no IPA audit allowed for the 04-05 audit since the schedule has been finalized. However, Steutzer indicated that a new request can be made for future IPA audits.

Clerk Noragon reviewed the letter from the Summit County Engineer's office in regard to the salt issue. After a complete review of the matter, the Trustees authorized Clerk Noragon to forward a reply letter to the engineer.

Clerk Noragon reported that the state auditor's office is still unclear on how to handle the GAAP requirements issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The Auditor's office indicated that its office was given little notice and no implementing time to permit its office to review the new interpretation from the AICPA. Thus, the matter is still up in the air on how the issue will be handled by the local governments.

Clerk Noragon reported that Mary Reno, Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, has requested a copy of the township's JEDD agreement. Clerk Noragon received information from Ms. Reno in regard to Jackson Township's snow and ice control policies. Jackson township buys its salt through the state purchasing program. Ms. Noragon was referred to the Jackson Township road superintendent for more information.

Finally, Clerk Noragon reported that Kathleen Collins from the *West Side Leader* has requested copies of the last 3 sets of township minutes. The documents will be faxed forthwith.

Trustee Randy Bergdorf reviewed with the trustees various possible ways to acknowledge the 200th anniversary of the settling of Boston Township. Mr. Bergdorf will follow up on the matter. Among the items discussed was a memorial

for the cemetery, a postal cancellation, and a ceremony at Memorial Day. Again, the trustees will review the matter at future meetings.

The trustees will review the motion for the adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as part of the Homeland Security procedures. The matter will be reviewed and voted on by the trustees at a later meeting.

Trustees Puchalsky reported on the progress being made at the Parker Tire cleanup site. Everything is progressing although there has been a temporary delay in the final cleanup due to an EPA issue.

CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS: J&J Rubbish Refuse has forwarded a letter to the township asking for authority to pass onto the residents a state mandated dumping fee. The cost per residence will be sixteen cents (.16 cents) per month. **MOTION** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the billing increase not to exceed sixteen cents per residence per month. All voting YES. The appropriate contract amendment will be prepared.

There were no other Contracts and Appointments.

APPROPRIATIONS: None.

TRANSFERS/ADVANCES: **MOTION** by Puchalsky, Seconded by Bergdorf to approve the \$1200 repayment payroll advance, 2021 to 1000, of initial advance of April 6, 2005. All voting, YES.

PURCHASE ORDERS: None

BANK RECONCILIATION; **Motion** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the July 2005 bank reconciliation reported submitted by Clerk Noragon. All voting, YES.

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. Check #1824 will be held until Mr. Schrader has been contacted.

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

CHAIRMAN

CLERK