

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

APRIL 13, 2005

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the March 23, 2005 meeting as submitted by the clerk. **Motion** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the minutes as submitted. All Voting, Yes.

Township Buildings and Grounds. The next meeting of the Boston Township Hall Committee will be held in May 2005. There will be no meeting in April. It was reported that the roof leak into Tim Tesmer's office along the east wall is still not fixed. The matter has been reported to the Boston Township Hall Committee (John Lahoski). John Puchalsky reported that he had two conferences with Mr. Lashoki, and that he will follow through on the matter.

Police Protection Report. Trustee Anderson reviewed the March 2005 report submitted by the Village of Peninsula Police Department. Two representatives from the Peninsula Police Department were present and they indicated that all is quiet in the township. The Trustees expressed their condolences to Chief Jim McCue on the death of his father. Trustee Anderson reported that the community spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Police Department will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2005 at the Boston Township Hall building.

Valley Fire District Update. Trustee John Puchalsky reported on the activities of the fire department. The National Park Service is still reviewing the issues posed by the fire board in regard to the Dogwood Lane site. Mr. Puchalsky reviewed in detail the scope of the regular meeting of the fire board held on April 12, 2005. One of the main issues was in regard to budget issues, mainly due to the rising cost of Workers' Compensation coverage. The fire department will be working on a very tight budget this year. If costs keep rising, the matter may have to be presented to the voters in the form of a new levy request. The fire board is working hard to stay within the current budget. Mr. Puchalsky reviewed certain issues in regard to water usage by the fire department on the Boston Township Hall properties. He indicated that his figures show that the fire department averages 75 gallons of water a day. Finally, Mr. Puchalsky indicated that he was contacted in regard to possible property located near Route 8 for a new fire station. He reviewed the parcel, but the owner has set a price of approximately \$25,000.00 per acre for the property.

Road Department. All is going well with the road department. John Puchalsky reported that Tim Tesmer is pricing a new steam cleaner. John Puchalsky also reported that Richfield Township has contacted Tim Tesmer about a cooperative effort to repave Scobie Road. Richfield had indicated that it has approximately \$3,200.00 available from NPS monies that it could contribute for the project. Tim Tesmer is looking into the matter and is obtaining more information in regard to projected costs. Amy Anderson reported that she had a telephone conference with Summit County Engineer Greg Bachman in regard to various projects in Boston Township. Among the projects reviewed were the Akron-Cleveland Road turning light and possible repaving of Kendall Park Road using special federal funding. Trustee Bergdorf asked that the trustees review any plans before any work is done...there is an ongoing concern that the project may become too aggressive and the area would lose its rural character. The county is also looking into repairing salt truck damage to Boston Mills Road using Issue II funding.

Future Planning. The Trustees indicated that they have received numerous signed approvals from land/business owners on Route 8 in regard to the JEDD. All signed approvals were given to Clerk Noragon to keep. Amy Anderson and legal counsel, Ed Pullekens, indicated that they have not received any additional information from Al Schrader in regard to the meeting that he is to arrange with Cuyahoga Falls officials. Ms. Anderson said she would attempt to contact Mr. Schrader for a status. Ms. Anderson distributed an article concerning a new development on nearly 44 acres by State Road, north of Northlawn Cemetery and south of the Tamsin Park property. The development known as Boulder Estates calls for 111 residential units. The development is in the Hudson City School District.

Zoning. The Trustees welcomed Wes Bergdorf back from his recent illness. The Trustees reviewed various issues in regard to zoning. Paul Kaczmarki reported that the Health Department contacted him and has informed him that the cleanup at Parker Tire will take place soon. The zoning matter with the Stillwell/Blumenthal property is still before the BZA. Issues in regard to a zoning permit for the Everett Church property are being worked out. Mr. Kaczmarki presented to the Trustees a letter that he has forwarded to the Community News in regard to the parking of unlicensed motor vehicles in Boston Township.

Other Business: Trustee Anderson reported that she, Clerk Noragon, and legal counsel, Ed Pullekens, attended the Summit County Township Association meeting where the Public Records and Sunshine laws were reviewed. She circulated copies of the written materials presented.

The next major issue discussed concerned recent communications with the Westside Leader. Over the last few years, the Westside Leader has covered the township, off and on, with a reporter at the meetings. However, on a regular basis, reporters have called the trustees for a summary of the meetings not attended by a reporter. The trustees feel awkward in regard to this situation. The Trustees agreed that when contacted by the press, they will address individual specific questions and requests for clarification posed by a reporter, but they do not think it appropriate that they be asked to "write" the story. Each trustee will use his/her judgment on a case by case basis.

The clerk is reviewing the snow removal understanding between the township and the county. Summit County has given the clerk data used in computing the bill to the Township. The clerk indicated that she is seeking further clarification before paying the recent bill.

Clerk Noragon indicated that she made a follow-up phone call to Dan Stuetzer, chief regional auditor, in regards to engaging an IPA (Independent Public Auditor): She was advised that it was the state auditor's decision, not the township's decision. The state auditor will handle the whole process and no decision will be made before the end of June.

Clerk Noragon reviewed the Auditor of State memo stating that entities must present their annual financial information according to GAPP (generally accepted accounting principals) or an adverse opinion will be required.

CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS: None

APPROPRIATIONS: None.

TRANSFERS/ADVANCES **Motion** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the transfer/advance of \$1,200.00 from General Fund-1000 to Gasoline Tax-2021 to cover road department payroll until the gas tax receipts accumulate.

All voting, YES.

PURCHASE ORDERS: **Motion** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the following purchase orders as presented by Clerk Noragon:

SBC 35-2005	\$5,000.00 –repairs & maintenance	2021-330-323-0000
SBC 35-2005	\$2,900.00 –repairs & maintenance	2031-330-323-0000

All VOTING, Yes.

BANK RECONCILIATION; **MOTION** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the bank reconciliation for the month of March 2005 as presented 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.

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

CHAIRMAN

CLERK