

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

FEBRUARY 9, 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.

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

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the January 26, 2005 meeting submitted by the clerk. **Motion** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the minutes as submitted. All Voting, Yes.

Township Buildings and Grounds. Trustees Anderson and Bergdorf reported that they received letters from Summit County indicating that the request for a CDBG grant for 2005 has been denied. The trustees noted that there has been a significant drop in federal funding and the future of the program is in doubt. John Puchalsky reviewed information he received on new advances in septic systems that are being reviewed by the Ohio EPA. New regulations from the EPA will be forthcoming recognizing new advances in the development of septic systems. Trustee Puchalsky will forward the information to the BTHC. The trustees noted that many of the lights in the parking lot area are burned out. Tim Tesmer and the BTHC will review the matter. Trustee Bergdorf indicated that he attended the special meeting of the BTHC in regard to the issue with the Internal Revenue Service in regard to the timing of the filing of the IRS-990 form. The matter is being appealed. Further, Mr. Bergdorf indicated that the BTHC is reviewing their internal audit procedures. The Trustees were of the opinion that the BTHC should have their finances audited regularly by an independent auditor. The trustees asked that legal counsel, Ed Pullekens, discuss the matter with the chairman of the BTHC, Judy Lahoski, when Mrs. Lahoski returns from vacation.

Police Protection Report. Trustee Anderson reviewed the report for the month of January 2005 submitted by Chief McCue. The Chief was also present to answer any questions that the trustees may have. Chief McCue indicated that all was going well. He indicated that the service to the township was modified from 3:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. The number of calls and needs will be monitored and the patrol period may be modified, with Trustee approval, from time to time.

Valley Fire District Update. John Puchalsky reported that the Valley Fire District Board met last evening. The Fire Board listened to a presentation in regard to the new advances in septic systems. Mr. Puchalsky indicated the fire board is looking into retaining the services of and/or having someone trained to process grant applications. The matter is being reviewed. Mr. Puchalsky indicated that the fire district is operating at a budget of approximately \$25,000.00 per month with the biggest expense being payroll. Mr. Puchalsky further indicated that the fire district has been in further contact with the NPS in regard to the Dogwood Lane proposed site for the relocation of the station. The key issue that has to be resolved is the length of any lease term. The fire district needs at least a 25 year lease. Mr. Debo of the NPS indicated that he hopes to have an answer by the end of February.

Road Department. Trustee John Puchalsky indicated that he is reviewing the issue with the snowplowing on Stine Road with the interested parties. Mr. Puchalsky further reported that Tim Tesmer informed him that the equipment is in good condition

and there are no current problems involving the road department. Mr. Tesmer is also in the process of getting the new office to be used by the road department in order.

Future Planning. The Trustees indicated that they are still planning to hold a public meeting in the end of March to discuss the JEDD and associated issues. The Trustees are planning to hold the meeting at the Township Hall on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The regular meeting of the Township Trustees will follow. Mr. Bergdorf indicated that the big meeting room will be available for use by the Township at no cost. The regular meeting of the township Trustees will follow. Notice and information in regard to the meeting will be placed in the *Community News*. It was reported that representative from the county will be at the meeting.

Zoning. Wes Bergdorf reported that the zoning boards are continuing to review the Boston Township zoning ordinances. Randy Bergdorf reported that he was notified that the Church in the Valley on Everett Road that the church will be moving forward on its expansion but the Church’s representatives are having difficulty in contacting zoning inspector, Paul Kaczmarski. The trustees will contact Mr. Kaczmarski to have him contact the church officials. Mr. Wes Bergdorf reported that the zoning commission has been contacted about the potential sale of the Blumenthal property to Mr. Stillwell (United Foundations) on Route 8. Any change and/or expansion in use of the property, etc. would have to be referred to the Board of Zoning Appeals for review and approval.

CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS: None

Other Business: The Trustees again reported that the annual joint meeting with the Village of Peninsula will take place on Monday, February 14, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the village hall.

Clerk Noragon reviewed the report and forms on boundary changes that she received from the US Department of Commerce. Trustee Bergdorf indicated that he would review and complete the same on behalf of the township as he has done in the past.

Clerk Noragon reported that she attended the SASWMA (Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority) meeting on February 3, 2005. She circulated a memo for the review of the trustees.

Clerk Noragon indicated that she is still exploring the possibility of having an independent auditor audit the township books. A letter has been sent to the State Auditor’s office for information and clarification.

The Trustees discussed that some residents on Major Road are discussing the possibility of obtaining water from the City of Akron.

The Trustees discussed the various problems associated with the flooding of the river. Basically, there is no mechanism that can be used to prevent the flooding. Dredging the river will not solve the problem and will in fact lead to additional problems.

Clerk Noragon reviewed the monthly Fuel Use Report and the Boston Township Garage Electrical Use Report. Copies of the reports were given to the trustees.

APPROPRIATIONS: NONE

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

SBC	26-2005	Telephone	\$1,500.00	1000-120-341-0000
SBC	27-2005	Contracted Services	\$50,000.00	1000-330-360-0000
SBC	28-2005	Improvement of sites	\$1,500.00	7000-120-730-0000
SBC	29-2005	Contracted Services	\$4,000.00	1000-290-360-0000

All VOTING, Yes.

TRANSFERS/ADVANCES **None**

BANK RECONCILIATION; **Motion** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the January, 2005 bank reconciliation 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