

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

JANUARY 12, 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 Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Nick Kostandaras, Sr: Nick Kostandaras, Sr., newly elected District 1 representative to Summit County Council addressed the Trustees. He pledged his support to the issues involving the Township. He indicated that he is well aware of the financial strain caused by the NPS. He reiterated that he is just a phone call away.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the December 22, 2004 meeting as submitted by the clerk. **Motion** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the minutes as submitted. All Voting, Yes.

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

Police Protection Report. Trustee Anderson reviewed the final report issued by the Summit County Sheriff. Ms. Anderson further indicated that due to illness, no representative from the Peninsula Police would be in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Anderson did report that the transition of police coverage to the Peninsula Police has been going smoothly and that the Peninsula Police have been making an effort to stop and introduce themselves to the business owners, senior citizens, etc. Finally, Ms. Anderson reviewed the claim that Adam Burke, Summit County Sheriff deputy, has made in regard to property damage suffered by his vehicle in the Townhall parking lot. The matter is being investigated and has been referred to the Township's insurance carrier.

Township Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Pullekens reported that he had not heard anything further from Thomas Skidmore, attorney for Mr. Morris. The office vacated by the Summit County Sheriff is being cleaned and will be used by the road superintendent and the zoning inspector. Trustee Bergdorf indicated that he would check with the Boy Scouts of America to see if there was office equipment still available from the donation that the Boy Scouts received. There has been no new information in regard to the grant application.

Valley Fire District Update. John Puchalsky reported that the Valley Fire District held its organizational meeting. Joe Badger was reappointed as the at-large representative. Grover Miller was elected as chairman of the Valley Fire District Board for the year 2005. John Puchalsky was elected as vice-chairman of the Valley Fire District Board.

The budget for the fire district will be tight for the upcoming year mainly due to the increased Worker's Compensation rates. The entire operating budget for the Fire District is being reviewed. The clerk of the Fire District has reported that all of the recommendations of the State Auditor have been implemented. The Fire Board is still working with the NPS in regard to the Dogwood Lane site for possible relocation of the fire station. Other options are also being reviewed. Finally, Mr. Puchalsky reported that 80% of the rescue calls for 2004 were for Township residents.

Road Department. The Trustees reviewed the complaints received in regard to the snowplowing for the elderly/disabled. The issues are being addressed. It was announced that road department employee, Jon Baker, is leaving inasmuch as he has been hired to a full-time position in Richfield. The trustees expressed their best wishes to Mr. Baker and commended him on his years of loyal and faithful service to the township as a part-time employee. The Trustees noted that the Road Department has been doing a great job in dealing with the flood problems and the snow removal so far this winter season. Finally, the Trustees expressed their displeasure about ODOT's construction of a salt dome at Route 271 without reviewing the matter with the township.

Future Planning. The Trustees indicated that they are still planning to hold a public meeting at the end of March to discuss the JEDD and associated issues. The Trustees are tentatively 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 will check on the availability of the large meeting room. This matter will be further reviewed by the Trustees at the next meeting.

Zoning. The Trustees reviewed various issues in regard to zoning. Wes Bergdorf indicated that the zoning board is in the process of reviewing the zoning resolutions of the Township. The resolutions have not been updated for 10 years. The zoning board is meeting to look at suggestions, etc. to improve the resolutions. There may be a need to hire a professional consultant in the future to review the drafting of any changes that will be presented pursuant to law. Zoning Inspector Paul Kaczmarek was present. He gave the trustees a brief update of his activities. He indicated that at the present time he did not need any assistance.

CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS: None

Other Business: The Trustees reviewed the insurance recommendations and quotes from Seibert Keck Insurance. **Motion** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf to renew the Township coverage with Seibert Keck Insurance. All voting, Yes.

The Clerk indicated that she would review with the Summit County Auditor's office the status of property taxes on property owned by the NPS and on which residents are still living due to reserved life estates and other arrangements.

The Clerk asked that legal counsel, Ed Pullekens, publish notice in the Plain Dealer that the Annual Financial Report is complete and available for

inspection. The Clerk reported that the end of the year financial CD has been submitted to the UAN.

The letter from John A. Donofrio, dated January 7, 2005 was given to legal counsel, Ed Pullekens. Mr. Pullekens was asked to review the matter for the Trustees.

The Clerk reported that the Township Inventory (2004) has been forwarded to the Summit County Engineer's office pursuant to law.

The Clerk reported that the current township roster was mailed to the Summit County Engineer.

Trustee Anderson reported that the NPS/railroad is offering residents the opportunity to ride the train at a cost of \$5.00. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Trustee Anderson reviewed the letter received from the Metro Regional Transit Authority in response to Boston Township's letter to NEFCO regarding the proposed park and ride in the Montrose area in Bath Township. Ms. Anderson also reported that Bath Trustee, Jim Nelson, thanked her and the Boston Township Trustees for their support.

Clerk Noragon reported that the request to remove the three street lights from the Township bill has been processed.

Finally, the trustees discussed the 2004 Share A Christmas program. The program will be reviewed in upcoming months in an attempt to better improve the procedures, etc.

APPROPRIATIONS: Clerk Noragon submitted the following Supplemental appropriation:

Supplemental: from 1000-110-599 to 1000-110-383 -\$600.00—fidelity bond premium

Motion by Puchalsky, seconded by Anderson to accept the supplemental appropriation as presented by Clerk Noragon. All voting YES.

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

PO	1-2005	Village of Peninsula	\$141,000	2191-210-360
SBC	1-2005	Operating supplies	\$2,000	2031-330-420
SBC	2-2005	Other Expense	\$10,000	1000-110-599

SBC	3-2005	Compensation-Board	\$3,900	2101-130-150
SBC	4-2005	Natural Gas	\$2,500	1000-120-353
SBC	5-2005	Electricity	\$2,000	1000-120-351
SBC	6-2005	Electricity	\$3,500	2031-330-351
SBC	7-2005	Rents and Leases	\$9,000	1000-120-321
SBC	8-2005	Natural Gas	\$1,500	1000-330-353
SBC	9-2005	Accounting/legal fees	\$20,000	1000-110-311
SBC	10-2005	Medical/hospitalization	\$7,500	1000-110-221
SBC	11-2005	Office supplies	\$500	1000-110-410
SBC	12-2005	Repairs/maintenance	\$1,100	2031-330-323
SBC	13-2005	UAN	\$3,000	1000-110-313
SBC	14-2005	Property Ins. Premiums	\$6,000	1000-110-381
SBC	15-2005	Fidelity Bond Premium	\$1,000	1000-110-383
SBC	16-2005	Fidelity Bond Premium	\$600	1000-110-383
SBC	17-2005	Operating supplies	\$1,200	1000-120-420
SBC	18-2005	Small tools/minor equip.	\$1,000	2031-330-430
SBC	19-2005	Property tax collection fee	\$600	1000-110-314
SBC	20-2005	Property tax collection fee	\$1,000	2031-330-314
SBC	21-2005	Property tax collection fee	\$3,000	2191-210-314

All VOTING, Yes.

TRANSFERS/ADVANCES **None**

BANK RECONCILIATION; **MOTION** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the bank reconciliation for the month of December 2004 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 Amy Anderson seconded by John Puchalsky to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK