

**BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
December 8, 2004**

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Randy Bergdorf, Amy Anderson, John Puchalsky, legal counsel, Edward C. Pullekens and Clerk Joanne Noragon. Trustee Chairperson, Amy 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 presented for the November 23-24, 2004 meeting. **MOTION** by Bergdorf, seconded by Puchalsky, to approve the minutes for the meeting of November 23-24, 2004 as presented by Clerk Noragon. All voting, YES

Police Protection Report. Representatives from the Summit County Sheriff's office were present. The Sheriff's department presented the monthly report to the trustees. The Peninsula Police Chief was also present and he reviewed with the Trustees the initial transition process that will take place as the Township transfers its police protection contract over to the Village of Peninsula. He indicated that 2 township children will participate in the annual "Shop with a Cop" program for Christmas and that a meeting for senior citizens will be set up for the Spring. The transition will be an ongoing process and hopefully any problems can be resolved quickly.

Township Buildings and Grounds Legal Counsel Ed Pullekens reviewed with the trustees his conversations with the attorney for Mr. Morris and representatives of the Boston Township Hall Committee in regard to the recently constructed fence. Hopefully the matter has been resolved or at least the lines of communication are open for any needed further discussions. The BTHC received a grant from the Eaton Foundation for the basement project. Randy Bergdorf reviewed the recent events involving the exterminator hired by the Boston Township Hall Committee to deal with the fly problem.

Valley Fire District Update Trustee Puchalsky reported that he attended a work session with John Debo and representatives of the National Park Service in regard to the proposed relocation of the fire building. The issues presented to the NPS are being addressed and researched. Hopefully, a final decision can be made by April or May 2005. Mr. Puchalsky indicated that he would keep everyone updated on all events. Finally, the fire district will help with delivering of the Christmas baskets. Preparation of the baskets will take place on December 17, 2004.

Road Department. The Trustees reported that Tim Tesmer has informed them that the township equipment is ready for the winter. The Senior Citizen snow removal program was reviewed. 14 residents have signed up for the program.

Future Planning. The Trustees reviewed the status of the JEDD. It was agreed that a meeting will be set up with the residents interested. Hopefully a meeting can be arranged for sometime in March, 2005. In the meantime, the trustees will formulate the plans for the presentation. Al Schrader will be contacted for his thoughts. The Trustees are still reviewing the results from the Route 8 survey that was sent out.

Zoning. Wes Bergdorf was present and reported on the activities of the zoning boards. Mr. Bergdorf indicated that Jim Jones is proceeding with the final storage building on his property.

Other Business: Clerk Noragon indicated that she has not heard from Taylor Electric in regard to their review of the electric meter issues. Mr. Puchalsky indicated that hopefully Taylor will look into the matter within the next few weeks.

The Trustees reviewed the prosecutor's opinion in regard to the issue concerning the concealed weapon signs. New signs are being ordered to conform with the opinion.

Clerk Noragon reported that First Merit Bank has indicated that the Township is not eligible for free online viewing of its account as the bank has a policy of

charging government entities for the service. She has expressed her displeasure with the bank policy and she has been informed that the bank will review the matter. Apparently other public entities are also requesting the service at no charge. Clerk Noragon indicated that if First Merit cannot provide the service she will contact other banks.

Clerk Noragon gave each of the Trustees copies of the insurance summary prepared by Seibert-Keck. The insurance agent, Shelly Bensen White will be at the December 22, 2004 meeting to review the township's coverage. Clerk Noragon reported that as a result of the preparation of a new inventory of asses, the township's insurance bill will be reduced significantly.

Clerk Noragon indicated that she still has the checks payable to Al Schrader that were previously approved. The trustees instructed that she send the checks out.

Clerk Noragon indicated that the Township has miscellaneous office supplies that are no longer needed or used—e.g., binders for tractor feed computer reports and unopened and barely used colored marking pens. The items have nominal value. **Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Puchalsky that the township donate the miscellaneous office supplies to the Peninsula Library as allowed by law. Voting Yes, Anderson and Puchalsky. Trustee Bergdorf abstained.

Martin Griffith and Wes Bergdorf, the township representative to the Cuyahoga Valley Communities Council were present. They were requesting direction from the trustees in regard to the future participation of the township in the group. They indicated that the direction of the group is moving away from being its original goals. Discussion was had as to the possibility of a new group forming, made up of communities affected by the NPS. After a long discussion it was the consensus that the township would remain a member of the Cuyahoga Valley Communities Council. However, other communities would be polled in regard to their concerns, etc. The matter will be reviewed later by the trustees.

Clerk Noragon reported that Tim Tesmer has relocated the signs on Route 8. He received an updated annexation map from the county engineer and he used the map for the purpose of moving the signs.

CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS The Trustees reviewed the police contract presented by the Village of Peninsula. The Trustees clarified the insurance provision, specifying that the Township would be named as an addition insured. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Puchalsky, to proceed to execute the contract with the Village of Peninsula as modified. All voting, YES. The contract was executed and the signed contracts were given to the village police chief for presentation to the Village.

APPROPRIATIONS: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Puchalsky, to approve the following supplemental appropriation submitted by Clerk Noragon:

Supplemental: \$5,037.33 from 1000-110-311 (accounting and legal fees) to 1000-330-360 (contracted services) for road salt.

All voting, YES.

PURCHASE ORDERS: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Puchalsky, to approve the following Purchase Orders:

19-2004, \$5,301.21-Summit County Engineer-road salt.
31-2004-Super blanket-pay zoning commission members.

All voting, YES.

ADVANCES NONE

BANK RECONCILIATION: **Motion** by Bergdorf, Seconded by Puchalsky to approve the bank reconciliation for the month of November, 2004 as submitted by the Clerk. All voting, YES.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL: **Motion** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf to approve the payroll as submitted by Clerk Noragon. All voting, YES.

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

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

CHAIRMAN

CLERK