

**BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
October 27, 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.

Greg Bachman, Summit County Engineer: Greg Bachman, Summit County Engineer attended the meeting with various staff members. He provided the Trustees with an update on all of the projects that his department has been working on in the township. The summary report included reviews of:

1. **Construction Projects:** including Truxell Road and Northampton Road.
2. **Road Maintenance:** He reviewed the various projects in Boston Township required to stabilize the soil down slope from the roadway. The total cost of the work was \$300,000. Maintenance crews will regularly monitor the nailed areas. Soil nailing took place along Boston Mills Road, Columbia Road and Quick Road.
3. **Bridge Maintenance:** Mr. Bachman reviewed work that will be completed at Riverview Road over a branch of the Cuyahoga River.
4. **Drainage Projects:** Mr. Bachman discussed the proposed upgrade to the storm sewer behind 6762 Riverview Road.
5. **Proposed Capital Improvement Projects:** Mr. Bachman reviewed proposed roadway projects, including Akron-Cleveland Road; Akron Peninsula Road; Boston Mills Road. He also discussed the progress being made at the Boston Armory.
6. **Studies:** Mr. Bachman reviewed the various studies that his office is working on, including a Landslide Hazards Mitigation Program Study, a No Passing Zone Study and a Sign Inventory study.
7. **Miscellaneous:** Mr. Bachman reviewed other matters of interest and distributed to the trustees the comprehensive Boston Township Annual Report dated October 27, 2004. The report contains detailed information in regard to the work being done in the Township by the County Engineer's office. Mr. Bachman also made available updated maps of Summit County.
8. Mr. Bachman indicated that should the Trustees have any questions, they should feel free to contact his office for answers, advice and direction.

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

Approval of Minutes: The Trustees reviewed the minutes presented for the October 13, 2004 meeting. **MOTION** by Bergdorf, seconded by Puchalsky, to approve the minutes for the meeting of October 13, 2004 as presented by Clerk Noragon. All voting, YES

Police Protection Report. Ms. Anderson indicated that she has been in contact with legal counsel about the insurance issues being researched in regard to the proposed Village and Sheriff contracts. Our insurance carrier is in contact with the Village and County to review the needed coverage and/or proper structure of any insurance coverage that may be required by the contracts. Ms. Anderson further indicated that the village has submitted yet another contract proposal for consideration. She asked that the other members of the board and legal counsel review the same. The trustees will review the police proposals in detail at the next meeting of the Trustees. Ms. Anderson reported that the Sheriff has informed her that there will be stepped up patrol in the Route 8 area over the next few weeks.

Township Buildings and Grounds

John Puchalsky indicated that the Valley Fire Board met with the construction committee of the Boston Township Hall Committee in regard to the roof situation over the fire station. Mr. Puchalsky also reported that the fence will be installed by the BTHC in the near future and that the parking lot striping is being studied.

Valley Fire District Update. Trustee Puchalsky reported about the meeting with Valley Fire District and the construction committee of the BTHC in regard to the roof issue. Since the project is a capital improvement, the discussions have centered on the cost and how the cost can possibly be shared, etc. Mr. Puchalsky also reported that the Fire Board has forwarded 2 letters to the National Park Service in regard to the proposed relocation of the fire station to the Boy Scout and/or Dogwood Lane site. The Fire Board has asked for clarification of various issues that have been raised. Finally, Mr. Puchalsky reported that all the preparations for Halloween have been completed.

Road Department. The Trustees discussed the repairs required on the oil pan on the truck. The trustees have been informed that the township equipment is ready for the winter season. The Township has ordered salt for the winter.

Future Planning. The Trustees discussed and reviewed the preliminary returned survey of issues forms that affect the Akron-Cleveland Road Area. Clerk Noragon is compiling a summary of the responses and gave each of the Trustees copies of the initial summary. The clerk will continue compiling the results.

Numerous township residents who have children in the Hudson School District were in attendance. They expressed their concern in regard to the meetings that have been taking place to study the possible change in the Hudson School District boundaries. They expressed their disapproval of any change. A petition is being circulated and the residents asked for the support of the trustees. Mr. Bergdorf reported that this matter is surfacing due to discussions by Hudson City Council to modify the Hudson City School District boundaries to exclude territory outside the geographic boundaries of the City of Hudson. The city's comprehensive plan review committee is concerned that growth management efforts within the city may be overcome by unregulated residential growth in areas outside the city, but within the boundary of the school district. The City Council of Hudson has no authority to change school boundaries on its own. Any change in school boundaries must be at the petition of the Ohio Board of Education, by the local board of education, or by the petition of voters. At the present time, the Hudson School District includes parts of Boston Heights, Boston Township, Cuyahoga Falls, and Stow. The Trustees indicated to the residents that their role is limited but they would be willing to assist the concerned citizens in any way possible. The residents were urged to attend the meetings to discuss the planning issues.

Zoning. Wes Bergdorf was present and reported on the activities of the zoning boards. Paul Kaczmariski, zoning inspector, also gave a report. Mr. Kaczmariski has sent out additional letters of citation. Ms. Faktor has not followed through with the conditional zoning requests made by the BZA. A letter is being prepared to ask her to comply before proceeding with her venture on the property. The BZA has granted Suncrest Gardens a conditional zoning certificate. The Zoning Commission has been discussing the possibility of conducting a comprehensive review of the Route 8 zoning, taking into consideration the JEDD and other issues.

Other Business: The clerk reviewed the proposed changes in the UAN program. It appears that the cost to be included in the program will increase. The clerk has forwarded the request to the Summit County Prosecutor requesting an opinion on the concealed weapon signs.

Trustee Anderson reported that she attended the meeting of the Cuyahoga Valley Communities Council. There was a vote on an amendment to change the voting procedure. The proposal to change the voting rights to 2 votes per member was defeated. The Trustees indicated that they would be reviewing their continued membership in the organization at upcoming meetings. It appears that the focus of the group is changing.

Ms. Anderson and the Clerk reported that they are receiving applications for snow plowing assistance to qualifying senior citizens or disabled persons. The clerk will keep the forms and a list will be given to the Trustees and Road Superintendent in order that the program will run smoothly.

Clerk Noragon again reviewed how she is tabulating the results of the Route 8 survey. She will keep a current tabulation and make the results available to the trustees and any other interested persons.

Clerk Noragon reported that the prior clerk, Gene Kaczmarski, has returned to the township the filing cabinets that he had been using to store township records. They will be placed in the meeting room.

Motion by Anderson, Seconded by Bergdorf to commend Andrew W. Johnson, a township resident, for his achievement of attaining the status of an Eagle Scout. All voting, YES

The Trustees circulated a letter dated October 19, 2004 from the United States Department of Interior, National Park Service, in regard to the Boston Mills Historic District Sanitary System-Environmental Assessment Scoping. The Trustees will review the letter and discuss the same at a later meeting.

CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS The trustees discussed the J&J Rubbish contract. J&J has returned the proposed 2nd extension that was sent to them. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Puchalsky, to proceed and execute the contract for the 2nd extension of the rubbish contact with J&J Refuse. All voting, YES. The extension was executed.

APPROPRIATIONS: NONE

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

16-2004, Al Spitzer Ford, \$1955.77-replace oil pan in 95 Ford truck.

All voting, YES.

ADVANCES NONE

BANK RECONCILIATION: None

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