

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

Presentation of Flags to Township: Robert Selbach, representative of the POW'S/MIA'S Awareness program, made a presentation to the township of an American flag and a POW/MIA flag. The flags were a gift to the township. The trustees accepted the gift on behalf of the township with appreciation. The flags will be raised on the Boston Park flagpole.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes presented for the August 25, 2004 meeting. **MOTION** by Bergdorf, seconded by Puchalsky, to approve the minutes for the meeting of August 25, 2004 as presented by Clerk Noragon. All voting, **YES**

Police Protection Report. Representative of the Summit County Sheriff's office were present. Issues discussed included the ongoing complaints received in regard to activities on Geoppert Road. The Sheriff's representatives assured the trustees that the issues are being and will continue to be monitored and addressed. The concerns of the trustees in regard to the activities in Boston Cemetery were also reviewed. The Sheriff will contact the Cuyahoga Falls Prosecutor's office tomorrow to review the matters and to get direction from the prosecutor. The ongoing issue of bike riding in the township in unauthorized races was reviewed. The Sheriff indicated that unless the roads are closed, the bikers must follow all the rules of the road when using the roads. The Sheriff's office will review the matter with Ray Hach, a resident who has contacted the trustees about the ongoing problems. Finally, the Trustees reviewed the monthly report as submitted by the Sheriff's office. Trustee Anderson informed the trustees that she has requested a contract quote from the Sheriff for the upcoming year. Trustee Anderson further indicated that she was concerned with the current Sheriff's patrol of the township and hoped that the improvements as promised would be forthcoming.

Township Buildings and Grounds. The next meeting of the Boston Township Hall Committee is next Thursday. Trustee Puchalsky indicated that he and Tim Tesmer are reviewing the proposed striping plan for the township parking areas. Clerk Noragon indicated that approximately \$15,000.00 is still available from the latest CDBG grant. Trustee Bergdorf will contact the Summit County officials in regard to the continued availability of the monies. Trustee Bergdorf reported that he attended the mandatory CDBG meeting on August 27, 2004. The key issue discussed was the overall awarding of the grants and the compliance of the grants with the standards set by the Federal Government. A five-year plan is being formulated by the County in regard to the grant process.

Valley Fire District Update. Trustee Puchalsky reported on the on-going negotiations in regard to obtaining a new site for the fire station. He reported that he attended a meeting with John Debo, NPS, to review the matter of the Boy Scout location as well as the Dogwood Lane site. Mr. Debo indicated that due to a change in regulations, both sites would have to undergo an environmental study. The study of both sites would take approximately 6 months. Debo indicated that the environmental study process is better than the granting of a special use permit, inasmuch as a special use permit can be terminated at anytime. It would be in the interest of the fire district to get an approval that would add certainty to the move. The Valley Fire Board wants to protect the public investment in any relocated station. Mr. Puchalsky indicated that he

is, and will be, in contact with Mike Jones of the Boy Scouts as well as the NPS in regard to the environmental study. The Valley Fire Board is reviewing the matter with an open mind. The process has been long, due to the lack of availability of building sites and the EPA issues, but the review is progressing. Mr. Puchalsky further reported that rescue runs have been down and that the training of the new members of the department is progressing.

Road Department. The trustees reviewed the bills for the repair of the garage door. The speed signs are still on order. The trustees announced the Summit County Engineer Greg Bachman will attend the October 27, 2004 meeting of the trustees to discuss township road issues. Mr. Pullekens reminded the trustees that Mr. Mike Stith of the Engineer's office has not provided a new road contract for review as previously promised.

Future Planning. The Trustees reviewed the status of the JEDD agreement. The Trustees were of the understanding that special legal counsel, Al Schrader, would arrange a meeting with the Mayor of Cuyahoga Falls. Trustee Anderson indicated that she would contact Mr. Schrader's office in regard to the status of the meeting. The trustees reviewed the various letters forwarded by Cuyahoga Falls in regard to issues presented. The trustees announced that any proposals to the NPS for grants for road work must be submitted by December 1, 2004. The matter was referred to Tim Tesmer for his review.

Trustee Anderson announced that Greg Bachman, Summit County Engineer, will be present at the Township Trustees' October 20th meeting; his annual visit.

Zoning. Wes Bergdorf reported on the activities of the various zoning boards. Little is going on at this time. Mr. Bergdorf reported that a final list of zoning board members who will be attending the Cleveland zoning training seminar is still being prepared.

Other Business: The Clerk completed the survey submitted by the Summit County Township Association concerning potential reduction/elimination of local government funds. Clerk Noragon stated that she is still reviewing the garbage contract matter and that she has received additional information from legal counsel Ed Pullekens. Finally, legal counsel Ed Pullekens distributed to the Trustees information on the power of the trustees to abate, control, or remove vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris per 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code. He suggested that the road department and zoning inspector be given copies of the information. Finally, the Clerk announced that the township's new email address is : bostontownship@hotmail.com.

CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS: NONE

APPROPRIATIONS: NONE

PURCHASE ORDERS: NONE

ADVANCES: 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**.

BANK RECONCILIATION: **MOTION** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf, to approve the bank reconciliation statement for August 2004 as presented by the clerk. All voting, **YES**

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

CHAIRMAN

CLERK

