

BOSTON TOWNSHIP-VILLAGE OF PENINSULA
JOINT MEETING
AUGUST 12, 1998

The semi-annual joint meeting of the Boston Township Trustees and the Village of Peninsula Council was held at the Boston Township Hall on August 12, 1998. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Randolph Bergdorf, Chairman of the Boston Township Trustees. Present on behalf of Boston Township: Chairman, Randolph Bergdorf, Trustee Amy Z. Anderson and Trustee John Puchalsky. Also present was legal counsel, Edward C. Pulekings. Absent: Clerk Gene Kaczmarek. Present on behalf of the Village of Peninsula was Mayor Dan Schneider, Clerk Polly Rutledge, Council members: M. Kaplan, C. Moyer, D. Carey and L. Fleder. Mr. Pulekings was asked to take the minutes of the meeting by Randolph Bergdorf.

In the first item of business, Randolph Bergdorf welcomed the Village council to the newly renovated township facility. He indicated that if any council members were interested, he would arrange a complete tour of the facility.

The next item of business was a review of the various matters that the township and village have in common for the year:

Police Protection: Mr. Bergdorf indicated that after some initial growing pains, the relationship between the Summit County Sheriff's Office who now patrols the Township, and the Village police department, has worked itself out. There is a good relationship between the departments at this time. Mr. Bergdorf further indicated that he has received comments from citizens of both the Village and Township that the Township and Village should look at the possibility of unifying their departments again in the future. Mr. Bergdorf indicated that the Trustees are open to any discussions. Council person, Michael Kaplan, indicated that the Village would open to discussion if the Township so wished.

Valley Fire District: John Puchalsky gave a brief update on the activities of the fire district. Council member, Steve Craig, who was not present at the meeting is the Village representative to the fire board. Mr. Puchalsky indicated that, at this time, the fire board is working with the EPA in regard to the renovation of the fire buildings at the present location. He indicated that some information should be forthcoming within the next few weeks.

Also in regard to the fire district, there was some discussion of the possibility of creating a signage program for the Township and Village to require house numbers or other identifying markers on the road to be used by the fire district and the police department. There was discussions as to the various options that would be available. Mr. Kaplan, on behalf of Village council, indicated that a study should be done concerning what may be available, including but not limited to, house signs, computer data bases, etc. Mr. Puchalsky indicated that he would have the matter reviewed with the fire district. He suggested that the police be contacted for their input concerning this matter.

Road Projects:

Ohio Turnpike: Mr. Bergdorf reviewed his knowledge regarding the Ohio Turnpike project and the local Boston Mills Road bridge replacement project. He indicated that it was important that even though many of the projects are within the

Township, the Village should be aware of the status of the projects inasmuch as the Village residents use the roads on a regular basis. Mr. Bergdorf also asked that the Village contact the Township regarding any road renovations or other matters concerning the Village roads.

Road Contracts:

Mowing/Sweeping: Mr. Bergdorf indicated that Clark Kaczmarek has in his possession the mowing contract, sweeping contract and snow contract annually entered into with the Village of Peninsula. They will be forwarded to the Village Council forthwith. Mr. Kaplan suggested that the contracts be negotiated on an annual basis and that, possibly, the contracts be a point of discussion at the annual winter meeting of the Boston Township Trustees and the Peninsula Village Council. Everyone was in agreement that this would be a good idea and the item will be placed on the Winter meeting agenda of the communities.

Snowplowing: Don Carey, on behalf of the Village, asked whether the Township would be in a position to enter into a formal snowplowing contract with the Village. Mr. Bergdorf indicated that at the present time, most of the snowplowing in the township is done by the Summit County Engineer. Hopefully, this arrangement will continue at least for another year. However, this matter can be discussed with the County Engineer to discuss whether a mutual agreement can be reached. Mr. Carey also questioned the Township with regard to a wood chipper. Mr. Puchalsky advised that the Township does own a wood chipper. There was some discussion concerning a joint project to utilize the wood chipper after storms and at certain times of the year to benefit both the residents of the Township and Village. Mr. Puchalsky will review the matter with Tim Tesmer, Road Superintendent of Boston Township to determine the feasibility and cost of such a project. Mr. Carey also asked the Trustees if they had a tar kettle that could be utilized or rented by the Village. Mr. Puchalsky indicated that he would review the matter with Tim Tesmer.

Cemetery Board: Trustee Randolph Bergdorf reviewed the current condition and concerns regarding the Cedar Grove Cemetery and the Boston Township Cemetery. He indicated that security is of the utmost importance for both facilities. Also, he indicated that in regard to Cedar Grove, the mausoleum is in need of repairs. Hopefully, these repairs can be budgeted with the near future. The mausoleum at this time is used only for storage. It is not used for burial or entombment purposes.

National Park matters: Mr. Kaplan reviewed his knowledge of the Heritage Corridor/Scenic Byway matters giving a precise review of the differences as well as the overlapping responsibilities of both projects. Mr. Bergdorf indicated that Dan Rice has contacted the Trustees with the possibility of attending a future meeting of the Trustees. Mr. Bergdorf indicated that he believes that it is important that the Trustees work together with the Village to ensure that the interest of both communities is protected in the planning and implementation stages.

Other matters:

KB Compost: All present indicated that they were impressed with the ongoing work by the citizens' group concerning the project.

Hardy Road Landfill: Mr. Bergdorf outlined his understanding concerning the Hardy Road Landfill and the possibility that additional trucks would be diverted over township and village roads. This matter will be looked into by both communities.

Coliseum property: Mr. Kaplan indicated that he felt the Coliseum property would be acquired by the Park and this would be best for both communities. Mr. Bergdorf indicated that he has some reservations with the Coliseum property being

taken off of the tax rolls and other related ramifications.

There was also discussion concerning the construction of the horse trail through the Park property. The Village Council indicated that they had very little information in the matter. Apparently, this matter will be reviewed at future meetings.

The next joint meeting of the communities will be held at the invitation of Village Council in January or February 1999. Mr. Bergdorf stressed, and everyone agreed, that the ongoing communications between the Village and Council should take place throughout the year in order to preserve the best interest of both communities.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN