

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

the special meeting of the Boston Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Held

July 29, 1998

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Chairman Bergdorf called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.. Present were trustees Amy Anderson, Randolph Bergdorf and John Puchalsky, legal counsel Edward Pullekens and clerk Frank Kaczmarek.

**Oak Hill Road:** Ross Brankatelli of the Summit County Engineer's Office mentioned that the Engineer's Office is waiting for the Notice to Proceed from the Ohio Public Works Commission. There was lengthy discussion regarding the advisability of placing a weight limit of 5 or 7 tons on Oak Hill in an effort to ban truck traffic. Anderson strongly favored the banning or restricting all truck traffic on the hill. Kurt Landefeld offered that he didn't feel that restricting truck traffic on the hill would be a good decision. Brankatelli indicated that there would probably be problems with enforcement and legal costs to defend load limits; however, if the road width remained at the substandard 20 feet, that might as good a reason as any to ban truck traffic. The trustees discussed, at length, the contents of letters regarding this project, which had been submitted by some Oak Hill residents. (See attached.) **MOTION** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf, to award the contract for the Oak Hill Road Realignment Project to W.G. Lockhart Construction, using alternate #1 (concrete pavement), in the amount of \$ 303,551.80. Voting "yes" were Bergdorf and Puchalsky. Anderson voted "a qualified yes". When asked to voice what she meant by a "qualified yes" she responded, "Before casting my vote, I would like to make the following statement for the minutes. I am not pleased with the way this project has been handled. I do not appreciate the comments made by the representatives from the County Engineer's office that they were going forward with the specifications and bids whether we voted for the plans or not. The township was left out of the process of negotiations between the Park Service and the County Engineer leaving us with a completely different project than had been initially proposed. Oak Hill Road is still a township road and the authority remains with the township as to its future. I am very disappointed in the actions that have taken place. In a conversation with the City of Akron Water Department this afternoon I was told the relocation of a fire hydrant was done because this project was going forward. Someone made this phone call to the water department prior to our vote. These are actions I will not tolerate in the future. Despite my personal views on this project and the way it has been handled since my involvement, it is the view from the majority of the residents of the Oak Hill, Major, and Seobie Roads area that the project should go forward. My vote must follow their wishes."

**MOTION** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf, that Ray Bertolini Trucking Company be authorized to complete 1500 linear feet of ditching, widening and paving adjacent to the beginning of the Oak Hill Realignment Project at a cost of \$ 45,327.00. All "aye". **MOTION** by Puchalsky, seconded by Bergdorf, that truck and bus traffic be restricted on Oak Hill Road off of Everett Road in the Township of Boston, County of Summit, Ohio. All "aye". (See attached resolution.)

**Boston Township Hall Committee:** Bergdorf indicated that he will request a meeting with Wayne Alvis regarding the space available in the Township Hall, the township's requirements and rental costs, etc.

**MOTION** by Puchalsky, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. All "aye". The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Chairman

Clerk