

**BOSTON TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES HELD ON APRIL 22, 1998**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Randolph Bergdorf, Chairman. Present: Trustees Randolph Bergdorf, Amy Z. Anderson and John Puchalsky. Absent was Clerk Gene Kaczmariski.

Chairman Bergdorf indicated that when legal counsel, Edward C. Pullekens, arrived, he was authorized to take the minutes of the meeting. All Trustees agreed.

Board of Zoning Appeals Interviews:

The first item of business was to interview the various candidates for the position on the Board of Zoning Appeal. Interviewees were Diane Allison of Oak Hill Road, and Susan Sullivan of Kendall Park Road. Each candidate was interviewed by the Trustees concerning her interest in being a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. At the end of the interview process, the Trustees indicated that they would make a decision at the end of the meeting when contracts and appointments are on the agenda.

Correspondences Received:

Mr. Bergdorf read the various correspondences given to him by Clerk Kaczmariski.

Building and Grounds:

The next item of business was the Township buildings and grounds matters. Mr. Bergdorf reviewed the status of the state grants for the township town hall building. He also reviewed the new grant that was received from the Corridor Committee concerning the Boston Township Hall Committee, the Valley Fire District and the Library Board. Mr. Bergdorf acknowledged that Steve Craig had done a great job in preparing the report. Mr. Craig is in the process of providing some additional information which had been requested.

John Puchalsky reviewed with the Trustees the situation regarding the septic task force between the Boston Township Town Hall Committee and the Valley Fire District. He reviewed in detail the status of events at the last meeting.

Randy Bergdorf indicated that the Sheriff would be receiving a set of keys to the township space in the town hall building within the next few days. Further, it was indicated to the Trustees that the bill that had been forwarded to the Trustees concerning the Alltel charge for moving a phone line has been forwarded to the Valley Fire District. It was the understanding of the Trustees that the Valley Fire District will pay the same.

Police matters:

Regarding the police department, Amy Anderson reviewed the monthly report from the Peninsula Police. She advised that she has been in touch with representatives in Washington concerning the COPS program and the uses for the monies. Additional information will be forthcoming.

The Trustees acknowledged that the Summit County Sheriff's Department will be

taking over police protection in the unincorporated areas of Boston Township as of May 1, 1998. The transition is being handled by the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Pulekkins indicated that a letter had been forwarded to the Cuyahoga Falls Prosecutor's Office indicating that as of May 1, 1998, all new prosecution work will be handled by the Cuyahoga Falls Prosecutor's Office.

Steve Craig, a member of Peninsula Village Council, was at the meeting and indicated that he wanted to make a statement concerning the police department and the fact that the Township is contracting with the Summit County Sheriff's Department. He indicated that at the last Village of Peninsula meeting, the Village Council acknowledged that there had been a breakdown in the negotiating process with the Township. Apparently, there was misunderstanding concerning the COPS program grant and overall negotiating techniques. The Trustees attempted to reiterate what was told to them during the negotiating process. Steve Craig indicated that he would like it noted on the record that the Peninsula Village Council would like to continue negotiations with the Township for future use of the Peninsula Police Department. The Trustees indicated that they would be open to any discussions. However, they stressed that a contract has been executed with the Summit County Sheriff's Department. The contract calls for a one year termination notice.

Regarding the police department, Amy Anderson advised that a letter has been forwarded to the COPS program that the Summit County Sheriff's Department is now the contractual provider of the police coverage for the township.

Valley Fire District Matters:

The next item of business was a Valley Fire District update given by John Puchalsky. One of the main items of discussion was the septic situation as pertains expansion of the fire department. At the fire district meeting on April 16, it was noted that seven of the probationary members were made full members of the fire department. He further indicated that the fire department has been notified that Thomas Tanker will be in town during the Memorial Day Weekend. Additional crowds will be in the area. The state audit of the fire district was completed and no discrepancies were found. It was an excellent audit report. The next meeting of the fire district will be the second Tuesday in May at 7:00 P.M. at the fire station.

Road Department Matters:

The next item of business was the road department activity. Regarding Oak Hill, Amy Anderson and John Puchalsky indicated that they have discussed the matter with Summit County Engineer, Gene Esser, at the township meeting last evening. Mr. Esser indicated that written approval from the National Park Service to move the road has been obtained. The County and Park Service will be meeting soon regarding the Oak Hill situation. Construction of the guardrail has not been finalized. Mr. Bergdorf indicated that Mr. Bertolini has written a letter regarding the retainage. Hopefully, a meeting will be held between the County and Township concerning this matter. Mr. Bertolini's position will be discussed at that time.

The next item of business regarding the road department was the turn-around on Stanford Road. It was indicated that the turnaround is, in fact, in the township. Resolution was made by Bergdorf seconded by Puchalsky to ask that the area located opposite the LeTra turnaround area be designated a "No Parking" area. Voting yes: Bergdorf, Puchalsky, Anderson. The Road Superintendent was authorized to proceed with this matter.

Future Planning:

With regard to future planning, Randy indicated that he had discussions with Peggy Spraggins. She has had further discussions with Stow on the JEDD. There is some hesitation from the Planning Department in Stow regarding the viability of a JEDD at this time. However, it was noted that the Mayor of Stow appears to be in favor of the project. Mr. Bergdorf asked Peggy Spraggins to look into the matter further and to arrange a meeting.

Zoning Matters:

Was Bergdorf gave a report on behalf of the Zoning Commission. One of the main items before the Commission was the application of Sprint and the application of the Outfitters for construction on the Jones' property. Mr. Bergdorf indicated that he would keep everyone advised as to the status.

New Business:

The next item of business was a discussion concerning the second meeting of the Township. It was decided that the date of the meeting would be changed to May 26th at 7:00 P.M. The Trustees will see that proper notification is sent to the press.

Regarding the Canal Corridor matters, letters were prepared by Randy Bergdorf concerning the position of the Township. Attached to these Minutes are copies of said letters. Marty Griffith was at the meeting and gave a presentation concerning his letter regarding the Canal Corridor matters. The Trustees indicated that they support Mr. Griffith's efforts in these matters.

Randy Bergdorf advised that there was a near accident in front of his house on Kendall Park Road. It was noted that the speed limit on the road is 55 mph. The County Engineer looked at the matter and felt that a study may be needed to determine if that is the correct speed limit. Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Anderson that the County Engineer be requested to conduct a speed study on Kendall Park/Truxell Road. All voting yes.

Trustee Bergdorf indicated that he had discussed the corridor situation with Dan Rice. Mr. Rice advised that he is planning to come to a township meeting. It is anticipated that he will be at the second meeting in May.

New and/or Supplemental Appropriations:

There were no new or supplemental appropriations, purchase orders or blank certificates.

Payment of Payroll and Bills:

Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Anderson to pay the bills prepared by the Clerk. All voting yes.

Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Anderson to approve the payroll. All voting yes.

Appointments:

Motion by Bergdorf seconded by Anderson that Diane Allison be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. All voting yes. The Trustees indicated that they were impressed with Diane Allison and Susan Sullivan and letters of appreciation for taking

the time to interview will be forwarded to each of them.

Audit Results:

Trustee Bergdorf presented the State Audit Report received by the township for the years ending December 31, 1996 and December 31, 1997. The report showed no findings against the township and was an excellent audit.

Death of Harold Barnett:

The Trustees moved to express sympathy to the family of Harold Barnett, a member of the Peninsula Police Department, who recently passed away. His service to the community was duly noted by the Trustees.

Adjournment:

Motion by Anderson seconded by Puchalsky to adjourn. Meeting duly adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

CHAIRMAN

DEPUTY CLERK