

**BOSTON TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 1995**

A Special Meeting of the **Boston Township Trustees** was held on October 10, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. at the Boston Township Hall. The Boston Township Trustees in attendance were **Randolph Bergdorf, Daniel Schneider Jr., and John Puchalsky**. Also in attendance were representatives of the Valley Fire District and the Township Hall Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the legal lease arrangements by and between the Boston Township Hall Committee, the Boston Township Trustees and the Valley Fire District. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a list of the individuals present at the meeting. Present for the Trustees was Chairman, Randolph Bergdorf, Daniel Schneider Jr., and John Puchalsky. Absent: Clerk Gene Kaczmarek. Mr. Bergdorf asked Mr. Pulekine, legal counsel, to take the minutes of the meeting.

The meeting opened with Attorney Pulekine giving a brief summary of the documentation prepared to date concerning the lease of the town hall buildings to the Boston Township Hall Committee by Boston Township. Mr. Pulekine also reviewed the position of all parties present at the meeting regarding the matter. Mr. Pulekine introduced Grover Miller, member of the Valley Fire District. Mr. Miller had serious issues he wished discussed. Mr. Miller brought forth the original resolution wherein the Valley Fire District buildings were built in 1976. Mr. Miller indicated that it was his understanding that there was a mutual agreement at that time between the Township and the Village that once the building was constructed, and a fire district was created, the fire district could use the structure as long as it was in existence. There appears to be no legal documentation to support said agreement. Randolph Bergdorf, Trustee, indicated that he has researched the matter at the library from the available records and has found some newspaper articles concerning the matter. However, there appears to be no written documentation indicating that the Valley Fire District and/or the Fire Department was granted an exclusive rent-free right to use the structures.

Mr. Miller then indicated that even though a legal obligation may not exist, there may be a moral obligation. It was Mr. Miller's understanding that labor and materials were supplied for the building of the structure by members of the fire department. Mr. Miller stressed that there was a moral obligation on the part of everyone to allow the fire department to remain on the property rent free.

Mr. Miller further indicated that, in his opinion, the feeling of the community is that the fire district should not be paying rent to an outside entity. He indicated that the fire district had the option of moving out to another location, or building a new structure. Mr. Miller stressed that the fire district is basically self-supporting and can maintain the property on its own.

There was a lengthy discussion between all individuals at the meeting, including the Valley Fire District, Boston Township Hall Committee, and the Boston Township Trustees, concerning the comments made by Mr. Miller. There was further discussion concerning the possibility of the fire district entering into a lease agreement and paying rent for future use of the current structures as they exist and as they may be renovated. Members of the Valley Fire District were concerned that if they paid any monies to the Boston Township Hall Committee and/or the Boston Township Trustees, the appropriate modifications should be made in the structure, for example, new bathrooms and storage space, to accommodate the needs of the fire district. The Boston Township Hall Committee indicated that they have been attempting to accommodate the needs of the Valley Fire District.

It was agreed by and between the members of the Valley Fire District and the Boston Township Hall Committee that they would meet to discuss all of the issues discussed at the meeting on October 17, 1995, at 7:30 P.M. at the Boston Township Hall. Hopefully, the differences between the parties can be resolved and a lease agreement entered into with the Valley Fire District. The Trustees indicated to all parties that they are going to proceed to finalize the documentation as prepared with the Boston Township Hall Committee. At their next trustees meeting, it is anticipated that the documents will be forwarded to the Boston Township Hall Committee for their execution and, thereafter, they will be submitted to the Summit County Prosecutor's Office for their approval. The documents will then be forwarded to the Boston Township Trustees for their final review and signature. Hopefully, all parties can reach an agreement prior to the final execution of the documents.

MOTION by Bergdorf seconded by Schneider to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned.

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN