

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Boston Township Board of Trustees Meeting

BOSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Held

November 9, 1994

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Chairman Bergdorf called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M..

Present were Trustees Randy Bergdorf, John Puchalsky and Daniel Schneider, Clerk Frank Kaczmarski and Legal Counsel Ed Pullchins.

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The clerk read the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 1994. MOTION by Bergdorf, to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 1994, as read, was seconded by Puchalsky. Voting "yes" were Schneider, Puchalsky and Bergdorf.

The clerk then read all correspondence received since the last meeting.

Boston Township Building and Grounds:

Window Project: Trustee Puchalsky reported that he had talked with Mr. Granley and that Mr. Granley indicated he would start replacing windows on either Tuesday, November 15, or Wednesday, November 16, 1994. Mr. Granley also indicated that he would contact Mr. Pullchins, regarding final paper work before proceeding with the project. Trustee Schneider mentioned that the ceiling grids have been removed and that the Fire Department equipment would be removed by Fire Department personnel. He also indicated that the sign would be removed from above the Township Hall door.

Grants: No new information was presented.

Boston Township Hall Committee: Legal Counsel, Pullchins, reported that he was waiting for the County Prosecutor opinion regarding the status of the BTHC and that he expected to draft a letter (concerning that opinion) to the Trustees within the next few days.

Police Department: Trustee Puchalsky indicated that this item would be discussed during the Joint Peninsula/Boston Township meeting.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Schneider mentioned that the next meeting of the Valley Fire District Board of Directors was scheduled for 9:00 A.M., Saturday, November 12, 1994, at the Fire Station. He also indicated that the Department is studying the impact of the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area on the cost of operating the Fire District. He then mentioned that the Fire District is trying to make better use of the rescue squads and that they anticipate an increase of rescue calls during the winter months.

Cable TV: Trustee Schneider read a letter he had sent to Chad Hume regarding requests for cable service within the Route 8 Corridor of the Township. (See attached.)

Road Department Activity:

Location of Canal Street: Trustee Schneider indicated that Road Superintendent, Anderson, called the Summit County Engineer's office regarding this item; however, he did not have the results of that call.

Street Lights: Trustee Schneider reported that the new street light has been installed on Major Road; however, service has not been connected. Ohio Edison Representative, Pat Harrah, indicated that the Township will receive a credit for street lights which have been discontinued.

Oak Hill Road: Trustee Schneider reported that Road Superintendent, Anderson, was asking both the Cuyahoga Valley Nat'l Recreation Area and East Ohio Gas Company for help in repairing a culvert on Oak Hill Road.

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Major Road Project: Trustee Schneider indicated that this project is complete. Clerk Kaczmarek reported that, as yet, he has not received requests for payment.

Hines Hill and Stanford Road Guardrail Project: Trustee Schneider reported these projects are completed. Clerk Kaczmarek indicated that the request for reimbursement of 90% of the total cost of these projects would be submitted to the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area before the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Stine Road Resurfacing Project: Trustee Schneider reported that this project has been completed except for striping of the road.

Scobie Road Project: No Report.

Leaf Pick Up: Trustee Schneider reported that leaf pick-up was begun on November 1, 1994. It was suspended on November 9, due to rain. Trustee Bergdorf indicated that leaves could still be delivered to "Aldens". Trustee Schneider indicated that the leaf pick-up contract with Richfield Township would be delivered within the next couple of days and that the contract with Boston Heights was still being worked on.

Snow Removal: Trustee Schneider indicated that the contracts for snow removal services would remain the same as in previous years and that they would be discussed at the Joint meeting.

Other: Trustee Schneider explained reasons for a number of repairs made on Road Department trucks during the last two weeks. He also indicated Road Superintendent, Anderson, has been preparing bid specifications for trucks. He then presented a quote from JMS Trucking for # 9 gravel. Schneider also indicated that, in the near future, he would present wage increase requests from the Road Department employees. Regarding a recent newspaper article concerning the replacement of the bridge over the Cuyahoga River on Boston Mills Road, Chairman Bergdorf reported that the bridge will have to be replaced at the exact present location and that access from Riverview Road to the East side of the River will not be available during reconstruction.

OSHA: Trustee Puchalsky reported that he has not received any new information concerning the pending OSHA inspection.

Future Planning: Chairman Bergdorf indicated that this item would be discussed at the Joint meeting.

Zoning: Trustee Bergdorf reported that three people did attend the Zoning Workshop and that he would obtain a refund for the fourth registration. Trustee Schneider indicated that he would contact Zoning Inspector DiNardi, regarding recent activity at "Cargo Carriers".

Other Business: None.

New Purchase Orders: MOTION by Puchalsky, to approve Purchase Order # 174 for Trash Pick-up, 01-A-26, to Northern Ohio Waste Systems, in the amount of \$ 2656.00, was seconded by Bergdorf. Voting "yes" were Schneider, Bergdorf and Puchalsky. MOTION by Puchalsky, to approve Blanket Certificate # 169 for Insurance, 01-A-06, in the amount of \$ 5000.00, was seconded by Bergdorf. Voting "yes" were Schneider, Bergdorf and Puchalsky. MOTION by Puchalsky, to approve Blanket Certificate #170, for Other Expenses, 01-C-09, in the amount of \$ 250.00, was seconded by Bergdorf. Voting "yes" were Schneider, Bergdorf and Puchalsky. MOTION by Puchalsky, to approve Blanket Certificate #171, for Utilities, 01-B-04, in the amount of \$ 1000.00, was seconded by Bergdorf. Voting "yes" were Schneider, Bergdorf and Puchalsky.

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-06 **MOTION** by Puchalsky, to approve Blanket Certificate #172, for Maintenance Supplies and Materials, 01-B-05, in the amount of \$ 500.00, was seconded by Bergdorf. Voting "yes" were Schneider, Bergdorf and Puchalsky.
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-07 **MOTION** by Puchalsky, to approve Blanket Certificate #173, for Tools and Equipment, 04-A-04, in the amount of \$ 500.00, was seconded by Bergdorf. Voting "yes" were Schneider, Bergdorf and Puchalsky.
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-08 Approval for Payment of Bills: **MOTION** by Puchalsky, to pay all bills as presented, was seconded by Bergdorf. Voting "yes" were Schneider, Bergdorf and Puchalsky.
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-09 Approval of Payroll: **MOTION** by Puchalsky, to approve payment of the payroll as presented, was seconded by Bergdorf. Voting "yes" were Schneider, Bergdorf and Puchalsky.
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-10 **MOTION** by Bergdorf, seconded by Puchalsky, to adjourn the meeting. Voting "yes" were Schneider, Puchalsky and Bergdorf. The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:55 P.M..

Chairman

Clerk

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Present were Boston Township Trustees Randy Bergdorf, Daniel Schneider and John Puchalsky, Clerk Frank Kaczmarshi and Legal Counsel Ed Pallebins, Peninsula Village Council Members Chop-Craig, Collins, Flader, Kaplan, Schneider Sr. and Miller, Mayor Ruoff, Clerk Rutledge and E. Lee Wagoner for Solicitor Cole.

Trustee Chairman Bergdorf called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M..

Trustee Chairman, Randy Bergdorf, opened the meeting by indicating that Sandra McKew, of the consulting firm of Pflum, Klausmeier and Gehrm was to present the Peninsula Village Annexation report, and then discuss the conclusions and/or recommendations of that report. However; Ms. McKew had been detained in Chicago and would not be able to attend the meeting. He then distributed copies of that report to all in attendance. He continued by giving background information about the original Joint Fiscal Study (1992), the Fiscal Study Group Position Statement (1994), the Boston Township Road Operations Policy Report and the Peninsula Annexation Report. Regarding the Annexation Report, Village Clerk, Polly Rutledge, quoted Sandra McKew as saying "there are good and bad for both communities, work with the good".

Mayor Ruoff discussed the situation at length. During the discussion, he indicated that:

1. "We want to make sure that everyone understands our position"
2. "We asked that McKew's report give recommendations which would make the most sense, from the Village's perspective."
3. "The idea behind having the planning commission study the report was to find out where we are."

Chairman Bergdorf asked Township Clerk, Kaczmarshi, to read the minutes of the last joint meeting, held on July 13, 1994.

After the minutes were read, Mayor Ruoff continued the discussion by pointing out that there were items that needed to be seriously considered. They were;

1. That the National Park System maintain Oak Hill, Watsons, Major, Scobie and Stanford Roads,
2. That the County Engineer maintain all existing county roads until such time that the proposed Seasons Road interchange is completed, and,
3. That the County Engineer be responsible for major reconstruction costs of the remaining Township roads, until the community becomes financially solvent.

Ruoff asked Village Solicitor Lee Wagoner what steps would be required to effect a merger and an approximation of time required to do so. Wagoner indicated that a petition for a merger study would have to be circulated and signed by ten percent of the Township and Village residents in order to put the issue on the ballot. A commission of five Village residents and five Township residents would be formed and be responsible for developing a plan for the merger. If no plan is developed before the next general election, the committee would disband. If a plan is developed, it would be placed on the ballot. If the issue passes, the merger takes effect January 1, after the general election. If it fails, the issue may not be placed on the ballot for three more years. Wagoner pointed out that the earliest a merger could be effected would be January of 1997.

Councilman Mike Kaplan reported that the Village Planning Commission had met to discuss the Annexation Analysis and that the minority position was that a merger does not address the "real problems". Unless the underlying problems are solved, no community, of any type, can exist. He indicated that the Village should help the Township solve these problems, that the Village and Township join together in an effort to solve the underlying problems and that merging is not the way to solve those problems.

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Ruoff stated that he felt the Village should make a move in the direction of a merger. He then asked Township Clerk Kaczmariski how much longer the Township could last before it's funds were depleted. Kaczmariski indicated that funds could be depleted as early as the end of 1996.

Bergdorf asked the group to consider how the information discussed should be communicated to the total community. Council person, Lilly Fleder, asked that a special attempt be made to communicate with residents of Mobile Manor. The group decided that Randy Bergdorf [Township] and Jay Ruoff [Village] would be the spokespersons regarding the possible merger issue and that the primary medium for communicating with residents would be the Community News. Bergdorf indicated that the next joint meeting is scheduled for 8:00 P.M. January 9, 1995, at the Village Hall. Ruoff indicated that an action plan would be prepared for that meeting.

Township Legal Counsel, Ed Pullahins, asked, "we're all going to be here ten years from now, but how do we make it best for all?". He then mentioned that attempts to merge have failed at least three times and that the major reason for the failures has always been road related. He pointed out that in many instances, the National Park Service has purchased almost all of the property on a road, but has left one or two homes in private ownership. In these cases, the Township must maintain the roads. Kaplan mentioned that the National Park Service has made \$ 250,000 available each year for capital improvements within the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. Schneider pointed out that the Township must compete with other communities for those funds and can't count on receiving a portion of them every year.

Kaplan indicated that new members of the County Council should be invited to the Joint meetings and that we should educate them regarding our situation. He asked that the group consider inviting County Council member Andrea Morris to it's next meeting. It was recommended that John Balch and Karen Doty also be invited to the January 9, meeting.

MOTION by Ruoff, to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Bergdorf. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.,

Clerk

Chairman