

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

WATKINS LEGAL BLANK CO. FORM NO. 1000

Held

September 22, 1993

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Present were Trustees Randy Bergdorf, Daniel Schneider and John Puchalsky, Clerk Gene Kaczmarek and Legal Counsel Ed Pulehinski.

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

Chairman Bergdorf introduced Karen Doty, State Representative from the 48th House District. Trustee Bergdorf explained that Representative Doty had been at the Township Hall since 6:00 P.M., to handle any questions from interested residents and that she had also toured the Township buildings. Representative Doty described her efforts to obtain funds for the Boston Township Hall Renovation project and her efforts on other important issues. She indicated that she was here to help and that her help was only a phone call away.

Chairman Bergdorf then introduced Sandra McKew of Pflugh, Klauswein and Gehrman. Ms. McKew presented an analysis of township roads, including current posted speed limits, signs, edge stripping and guard rails. She also gave cost projections for the next 5 years including projected revenues and expenses. Ms. McKew indicated that it was imperative for the Township to have substantive discussion with the County Engineer and then to formulate a policy regarding roads and road maintenance. She also indicated that the National Park Service should be responsible for ongoing maintenance of at least 35% of those roads now maintained by Boston Township. Trustee Schneider asked how the NPS might be approached regarding this issue and Ms. McKew responded by saying that her report provides all the necessary documentation required.

From the audience, Mr. Wes Bergdorf questioned work that was being performed on Riverview Road. Chairman Randy Bergdorf indicated that Riverview Road is a County Road and is therefore maintained by the County Engineer and not the Township.

Mr. Kurt Landefeld asked whether any "Issue two" funds were available for road work. Trustee Schneider explained that the Township is currently using "Issue two" funds to help on the Oak Hill project but that the Township is still required to fund a large portion of the project. He also indicated that costs of on-going maintenance of the roads is solely the responsibility of the Township. Mr. Landefeld then asked for the implications of eliminating the entire Road Department and contracting with the County Engineer for road maintenance. Trustee Schneider responded that one of the major implications would be lack of timely snow removal and ice control on the Township Roads. Ms. McKew indicated that Twinsburg Township contracts for road maintenance and that the overall costs to the Township of such an arrangement would be substantially less than what is currently being spent. Chairman Bergdorf indicated that the Trustees have tried to implement some of the recommendations of the Joint Fiscal Study but that they are "not even staying even".

Mr. Landefeld then asked for the current status of the Seasons Road interchange. Ms. McKew and Chairman Bergdorf both indicated that implementation of that project was at least 6 to 7 years away.

Clerk Kaczmarek then read the minutes of the meeting of September 8, 1993.

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ACTION by Bergdorf, seconded by Schneider, to accept the minutes of the meeting of September 8, 1993 as amended. Voting "yes" were Puchalsky, Schneider and Bergdorf.

The clerk then read the minutes of the special meeting of September 20, 1993.

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ACTION by Schneider, seconded by Puchalsky, to accept the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 1993, as amended. Voting "yes" were Bergdorf, Puchalsky and Schneider.

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

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Legal Counsel Ed Pulehins discussed the rubbish and trash removal contract with Northern Ohio Waste Systems. Chairman Bergdorf asked whether the Trustees had anything more to do regarding the contract and Mr. Pulehins indicated that he would handle the remaining details.

Clark Racomarski asked the Trustees to schedule a special meeting on September 29, 1993, for the purpose of approving payment of bills and signing of checks. The Trustees then scheduled a meeting for 7:00 P.M. September 29, 1993, at the Township Hall.

Trustee Schneider reported that the Woodridge School Board was going to proceed with repair of the tennis courts and that any help the Township might give would be greatly appreciated. He also indicated that Mr. Clapp would be contacting the Trustees in the near future regarding the repair of the courts.

Trustee Schneider indicated that the next meeting of the Valley Fire Board would be held at 7:30 P.M., October 18, 1993, at the fire station. He then mentioned that the Valley Fire District would again advertise the old fire truck for sale and would also be contacting brokers concerning the sale of the truck. He also indicated that neighboring communities are willing to house the truck this winter, if necessary.

Trustee Schneider also reported that the Fire Board would like to meet with the Trustees regarding improvements to Township buildings.

In response to a question by Mr. DiNardi, concerning the status of cable television for the Akron-Cleveland Road area, Trustee Schneider indicated that he would be calling Chad Hume and also Warner, regarding cable service for that area.

A discussion on the Oak Hill project followed, during which it was pointed out that the project was near completion and that the road would be opened in about a week.

Mr. Kurt Landefeld asked for the status of the cost overrun on the project and Trustee Bergdorf explained that the final invoices have not been received. He indicated that the construction costs were approximately \$33,000 more than originally bid, but that final costs for geo-technical services are expected to be substantially less than originally planned for. He also stated that the National Park Service has agreed to amend the original cooperative agreement with the Township to include an additional \$ 10,000.00 to help fund the project.

From the audience, Mr. Martin Griffith asked whether original test borings had shown poor sub soil conditions, which eventually led to some of the construction cost overrun. Mr. Pulehins indicated that the Trustees would be obtaining the exact reasons for the cost overrun and then analyzing the information to determine if the overrun could have been projected.

Mr. Griffith then expressed concern about drainage ditches on the uphill side of the road. Trustee Puchalsky explained how and why the ditches were placed and that the Trustees didn't want more soil or trees removed than was absolutely necessary.

Mr. Griffith asked if there were any plans to widen Oak Hill, whether money was available for it and whether any additional trees were going to be removed. Trustee Schneider responded that the area of the road at the bottom of the hill would have to be made wider because it is too narrow for busses to pass safely. Mrs. Griffith indicated that "we don't have any busses", and Trustee Schneider answered that more and more busses would be using the hill in the near future.

Mr. Griffith also expressed concern over exposed tree roots and cuts on trees along the roadway.

Trustee Schneider indicated that the tops of some trees had to be cut to prevent them from leaning over the roadway.

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Mr. Griffith indicated that he didn't think any more changes were needed on the hill. Chairman Bergdorf answered that the Trustees have a responsibility to make the road as "safe" as possible. At this point, trustee Schneider indicated that the issue is under review and that "we don't want to do anything that's not necessary".

Mr. Griffith then mentioned that Major Road was badly in need of repair due to the heavy truck traffic to and from construction sites on Oak Hill Road. Trustee Schneider indicated that Road Superintendent Anderson was trying to obtain asphalt needed for repair of the road from the construction crews. Mr. Griffith asked if the Township was going to have to pay for the repairs. Trustee Schneider indicated that "All we have is the possibility of getting the asphalt required for the repair".

Trustee Puchalsky reported that the Peninsula Police Department logged 8000 road miles patrolled and 640 gallons of fuel used during the last month. He mentioned that residents near the "Toopath trail" are concerned due to lack of stop signs at crossings, such as, Boston Mills Road. He also reported that some residents have complained that motorists, stopping to watch deer, are driving across lawns. The residents would like to see police patrolling these areas more often and Trustee Puchalsky indicated that he has received a commitment from the police department that there will be more patrol activity in those areas. He then mentioned that the 1994 Police budget has not yet been completed.

Trustee Puchalsky also reported that the joint fiscal study committee would meet on October 6, 1993, at the Peninsula Library.

Chairman Bergdorf reminded the Trustees that bills for the repair of windows must be submitted to the Department of Planning and Economic Development before the end of the current year.

Regarding requests for issue II funding, Chairman Bergdorf mentioned that he has received a letter from Norma Fox, indicating that the final "scoring" for the joint community project (Major Road improvements), stands at 43 points, which should be enough to obtain the necessary funding.

Trustee Puchalsky then asked zoning inspector DiNardi if he was going to schedule a meeting with the police department regarding "junk" cars. Mr. DiNardi indicated that he has already met with Captain Morgan and has drafted a letter regarding this issue.

Zoning inspector DiNardi reported that "Sirpilla's" was being sold and that the property will need a "vision obscuring fence". He also reported that he has sent a letter to the "Antique Roost" indicating that the original building permit for the building, which is the antique shop, was issued for a "storage barn" and therefore the current use is in violation of the Zoning Ordinance of Boston Township.

Chairman Bergdorf mentioned that information regarding the new contract with Northern Ohio Waste Systems would be included in the October 10, 1993, issue the Community Newsletter and that Northern Ohio may also place a notice in each recycling bin.

The Chairman then asked for any questions or comments from the audience. There were none.

93-0922 MOTION by Schneider, seconded by Puchalsky, to approve blanket certificates 65
-03 and 66. Voting "yes" were Bergdorf, Puchalsky and Schneider.

93-0922 MOTION by Schneider, to approve the payroll as presented, was seconded by
-04 Puchalsky. Voting "yes" were Bergdorf, Puchalsky and Schneider.

93-0922 MOTION by Bergdorf, to pay all bills as presented, was seconded by Schneider.
-05 Voting "yes" were Puchalsky, Schneider and Bergdorf.

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MOTION by Bengdorf, to adjourn, was seconded by Puchalsky. Voting "yes" were Schneider, Puchalsky and Bengdorf.

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The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:27 p.m..

Clerk

Chairman