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Present were Boston Township Trustees Randy Bergdorf, Daniel Schneider and John Puchalsky, Clerk Frank Kaczmarshi and Legal Counsel Ed Pullekens, Peninsula Village Council Members Schneider, Collins, Chop Craig, Padruitt and Brunswick, Mayor Ruoff, Clerk Rutledge and E. Lee Wagoner for Solicitor Cole. Council Member absent: Hannonis.

Trustee Chairman Bergdorf called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M..

Police Department: Lisa Chop Craig reported that the proposed police budget of \$ 276,040 was unchanged from the previous year. She indicated that the new budget will allow wage increases of 8 to 10 % for all police officers. Mayor Ruoff added that the total number of officers remains the same as last year, that the Department will continue to offer 24-hour service and that the Department now has all new cruisers. He also indicated that the Village would appreciate quick approval of the budget by the Township.

Valley Fire District: Trustee, Daniel Schneider reported that the next regular meeting of the Valley Fire District would be held at 7:30 P.M. on July 19, 1993, the Fire Station. He indicated that within the next week a department from Tennessee would be at the Fire Station for the purpose of trying to decide on purchasing the engine. Ed Pullekens reported that the Fire District had recently had a budget hearing on the proposed 1994 budget and that the budget has been approved. He also mentioned that a new class was of firepersons was being trained and that "study groups" were working within the Department for the purpose of improving morale. He indicated that the Fire Board was studying the possibility of expanding service to other communities in an effort to "regionalize" fire protection services. Jay Ruoff mentioned that the County Sheriff could handle dispatch service for the District at a cost of about \$ 18,000 per year but that the District should try to develop other options or methods. Dan Schneider Jr. indicated that rescue calls are "down".

Road Projects and Cooperative Efforts: Trustee Bergdorf introduced Richfield Township Trustee, Don Emmitt, and Richfield Township Road Superintendent Kreiger. Mr. Emmitt discussed the Major Road Resurfacing Project scheduled for 1994. He indicated that Boston Township would be the "lead" community and would request approximately \$ 250,000 in Issue II funds. He indicated that the National Park Service would commit approximately \$ 50,000 toward the project. He then mentioned that a resolution was due Tuesday, July 20, 1994, from each of the entities regarding this matter. Mr. Emmitt also reported that he had not heard anything from Summit County Engineer, Swanson's office and therefore felt that there would be no engineering study. Trustee Schneider indicated that all entities should try to cooperate fully with the National Park Service. Peninsula Mayor, Ruoff, offered that since Peninsula has only one resident on Major Road, their priority would be on Riverview Road Improvements. MOTION by Councilman, Schneider, that the Village of Peninsula proceed with approving Boston Township as the lead community in the Major Road Project, was seconded by Collins. Voting "yes" were Chop-Craig Padruitt, Brunswick, Collins and Schneider.

Dan Schneider Sr. reported that the bridge, on Boston Mills Road, at the Cuyahoga River, was scheduled for replacement in 1994. He then indicated that the Township and the Village should consider using one Diesel Fuel storage tank. Mayor, Ruoff, offered that a joint committee should be set up to study the proposal. Schneider Jr. indicated that he would suggest such a study to both the Valley Fire District and Boston Township.

Trustee Bergdorf indicated that the snow removal agreements between the Village and the Township would remain the same as in previous years. Councilman Schneider mentioned that the Village should have it's new truck shortly. Trustee Schneider reported that area road superintendents were working on "regionalizing" their purchasing practices. Mayor, Ruoff, indicated that one of the dangers of regionalizing any function was that of improper and/or insufficient insurance coverage. He then mentioned that the Village would continue it's practice of purchasing road salt from the Township.

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Trustee Bergdorf reported that Oak Hill would be opened before the end of August. Mayor Ruoff reported that the Mill Street and Akron-Peninsula Roads projects would begin shortly and he also indicated that those projects would be completed this Fall.

Tennis Courts: Bergdorf reported that the Trustees had hoped to have the tennis courts re-surfaced one more time, but that the cost of the project has escalated to more than \$ 40,000. Schneider Jr. offered to contact Mr. Clapp regarding this issue and that he would do so by Monday July 19, 1993. Ruoff asked that Mr. Clapp inform the Village and the Township how much of the project would be funded by other sources and what amounts were needed from each of the entities involved.

Fiscal Study Committee: Trustee Puchalsky reported that the Fiscal Study Committee is currently "putting together" a summary report for the Village and the Township and it should be ready prior to the next meeting. Ruoff indicated that another joint meeting should be scheduled to address "this issue only" and then recommended that meeting be held in October.

Utilities: Puchalsky indicated that 33 residents had indicated a desire to become investors in a gas line but that the chances of having a gas line installed in the near future were "very" slim. Bergdorf led a discussion on the outlook for cable TV within the Township. Schneider Sr. reported that applications for cable TV service within the Village and parts of the Township would be distributed to residents within the next two weeks.

Solid Waste: Ruoff reported that the current contract with Northern Ohio Waste Systems expires in September. He also reported that he has had discussions with Northern Ohio concerning the "green bags and blue bins" option and also the monthly payment, unlimited pick-up option. Puchalsky reported that he has discussed this issue with a number of "haulers" and that each will send a representative to the July 28, 1993 meeting of Trustees at which all options will be discussed.

NPS Concerns: Mayor Ruoff stated that he had been attending meetings with experts regarding deer. He indicated that the Cuyahoga Valley Communities Council is getting involved and that they hope to come up with some kind of proposal based upon our nearness to the National Park. The next meeting is to be held on July 29, 1993. During his discussion, Ruoff mentioned that we must get all communities to agree on the problem and the need for a solution. He indicated that he felt an outside study group was needed, possibly Ohio State University or the University of Michigan. Surveys have shown that the deer population will double in the next two years. Ruoff asked that the Township back the Village in their efforts to help solve this problem.

A long discussion followed concerning the possible affects of the National Park Services Environmental Center on the total community.

Trustee Bergdorf mentioned that the Tow Path Trail would bring more traffic to our communities as well as the need for more police, fire and rescue services.

Veterans Memorial: Ruoff led a lengthy discussion, regarding this issue, during which it was pointed out that 1.) additional names of veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam etc., could be added to the memorial, 2.) the memorial needs to be elevated, 3.) a larger stone might be required, and 4.) a group made up of Village and Township residents should be formed which be responsible for dealing with all matters regarding the memorial. Ruoff and Bergdorf volunteered to continue the investigation regarding this matter.

MOTION by Schneider, to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Puchalsky. Voting "yes" were Bergdorf, Schneider Jr, Puchalsky, Schneider Sr, Collins, Chap-Craig, Padrucci and Brunswick. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

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Chairman