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Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Boston Township Board of Trustees

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Held

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Present were Trustees Dan Schneider, Randy Bergdorf, Clerk John Krusinski and Legal Council Ed Pullekens.

Dan Schneider called the meeting to order 9:45 p.m.

Dan Schneider made a motion to pay payroll and the following bills. Randy Bergdorf seconded the motion. Voting yes: Dan Schneider and Randy Bergdorf. Motion passed.

Blue Cross - \$924.92	Alltel Corp. - \$45.37
P.E.R.S. - \$3,243.22	Redlin Rubbish Removal - \$6,515.00
Ohio Edison - \$184.30	Terry Lumber - \$149.95
Taylor Rental - \$71.90	Saints Supply Inc. - \$68.00
Akron Beacon Journal - \$378.95	Akron Welding - \$41.90
J. Piascik - \$40.00	East Ohio Gas Co. \$89.59
Tap Auto Parts - \$3.65	Cuyahoga Landmark - \$355.45
Village of Peninsula - \$26,767.25	Akron City Water Works - \$150.00
Discount Drainage - \$756.92	Valley Fire District - \$18,900.75
Valley Fire District - \$108.00	P.E.R.S. - \$657.85
1st National Bank - \$1,268.97	Elaine Krusinski - \$500.00
Akron Auto & Truck Tire - \$423.64	Superior Asphalt & Oil - \$114.84
Austin Ignition Co. - \$51.51	R.A.K. Industries - \$6.75
Kemper City - \$35.00	Distillata Co. - \$36.80
Sohio - \$6.50	Kimball Midwest - \$73.85
Summit Crushed Limestone - \$448.74	Valley Ford Truck Sales - \$63.88
Air Power of Ohio - \$416.32	

Dan Schneider was contacted by Glen Gustafson regarding Moose Lane and the damage done by the County - Doug Anderson will follow up on the problem.

Dan Schneider asked about the contract with Ohio Edison regarding street lights. Ed Pullekens said it was taken care of.

Ed Pullekens said do not pay Triggs Bills. They ran over budget. Ed Pullekens told John David Jones to resolve the matter.

Ed Pullekens reported that him and John Krusinski made a conference call to the State auditors office on 7/30/90, they talked to Linda Bond. Questioned 505.27 of Ohio Revised Code whether or not the township could enter into a contract wherein the funds are collected by the Contracting Rubbish Company. the answer was yes. However, the rubbish company must deposit funds with the clerk where he will maintain proper controls over the funds. He will then pay the the rubbish hauling company.

Dan Schneider made a motion to extend our rubbish contract with Redlin Rubbish Company for one month. Randy Bergdorf seconded the motion. Voting yes: Dan Schneider and Randy Bergdorf. Motion passed.

Dan Schneider made a motion to pay the additional funds to Redlin Rubbish that were in dispute. Randy Bergdorf seconded the motion. Voting yes: Dan Schneider and Randy Bergdorf. Motion passed.

Represent increased dumping cost as of Oct 1, 1989, (per contact)
Randy Bergdorf presented a letter from the Peninsula Library regarding restoration of township buildings. (see attached) Randy Bergdorf will check as to when we can meet with the Library Committee.

Dan Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Randy Bergdorf seconded the motion. Voting yes: Dan Schneider and Randy Bergdorf. Motion passed.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Clerk

Chairman

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Boston Township Trustees present: Bergdorf, Schneider, Jr.
Boston Township Trustees absent: Broderick.
Boston Township Officers present: Solicitor Pullekings, Clerk Krusinski.
Peninsula Village Council Members present: Brunswick, Harnais, Schneider, Tesser.
Peninsula Village Council Members absent: Collins, Hansen.
Peninsula Officers present: Mayor Ruoff, E. Lee Wagoner for Solicitor Cole, Clerk Rutledge.

The joint meeting of the Boston Township Trustees and the Peninsula Village Council was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Peninsula Library with Trustee Schneider, Jr. presiding. Schneider, Jr. asked Rutledge if she would take the minutes. Rutledge agreed.

CYNRA Plans for Towpath Trail and Oak Hill Center

Schneider, Jr. asked Ruoff to introduce the representative from the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. Ruoff introduced Bob Martin who had agreed to present the plans for the towpath.

Martin said that the plans for the towpath are similar to the ones used for the C & O Towpath near Washington, D.C. The goal of the project is to utilize, protect, and interpret the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath.

It will be a multi-use trail which will extend from Rockside Road to Bath Road, a total of 21.4 miles. It will follow the historical alignment of the original towpath although parts of that are missing or unavailable for use. The trail will be designed for biking, hiking, and cross country skiing. It will be a non-vehicular trail.

The surface will be screened crushed limestone on top of limestone. A segment is being worked on from Boston to Highland Road. The goal is to reach Rockside Road this year.

The towpath trail will be fully accessible for maintenance and emergency vehicles. It will cover a 10 foot area with an 8 foot surface.

The section south of Boston to Peninsula is the most difficult portion of the trail. The Planning Office in Boston is handling this portion of the trail. The entire trail is scheduled to be finished by the fall of 1992.

The Towpath Trail is part of a larger trail picture. There could be a network of trails from Lake Erie to Zoar, Ohio, a distance of about 65 miles. A connection might be made with a national trail at Zoar. Two groups helping to realize this vision are the North Cuyahoga Corridor Group and the Ohio and Erie Canal Corridor Coalition.

There are no federal park extension plans. There is a possibility that, some day, the Ohio and Lake Erie Towpath will be part of a trail system which will join the National Corridor.

Ruoff asked if the Towpath would cross the Cuyahoga River in Peninsula and if there was a rest stop planned for Peninsula. Martin said that the trail will cross the river at the old aqueduct and that there is a parking lot planned for north of the river near there. Ruoff asked if there will be a parking area south of there. Martin said that there will be one at Deep Lock Quarry and another at Ira Road. Ruoff said that it is important that a rest room facility be part of any parking area, because water is so scarce in Peninsula. Martin said that the park is aware of that problem.

Ruoff asked what the security would be along the trail. Martin said that the trail would be patrolled by rangers on bicycles. If there is a major problem, emergency vehicles can drive up the trail from access points. Ruoff asked if emergency vehicles would be able to drive through Stumpy Basin since he understood that the trail would have to be a board walk at that point. Martin said that Stumpy Basin and the Beaver Marsh would not be able to handle heavy vehicles, but would be able to hold small Cushman-like vehicles.

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Rob Bobel, also present as a representative of the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, said that no point on the trail would be more than one mile from an access point. Ruoff asked what if someone were hurt falling from a bike in the middle of Stumpy Basin. Martin said that that person would be no more than 1500 feet from an access point. Bobel said that a small emergency vehicle could be used.

Schneider asked where the trail would cross the river. Martin said that it would cross at the old aqueduct.

Bergdorf asked what safeguards were being taken to protect adjoining residences. Martin said that the park is working with the residents. A fence is being put up by the Orshoskes'.

Bergdorf asked if the trail would be lit. Martin said that it would not.

Bergdorf asked if there would be facilities for camping along the trail. Bobel said that there was a plan for camping down the road. Martin said that it is not part of the towpath plan, but of the canoeing plan.

Bergdorf asked if there had been an impact study done. Martin said that the towpath had been included in the park trail plan impact study, but that a separate study had not been done for this trail alone.

Schneider, Jr. asked if there was going to be another parking area somewhere between Jaite and Peninsula. Martin said that there would be a parking area behind the Johnson garage in Boston. Ruoff asked if it would hold 18 to 20 cars like the one in Peninsula. Martin said that it would.

Bergdorf asked if the Peninsula parking area would be accessed from Mill Street. Martin said that it would be. Without the parking lot, the trail planners thought that the parking lots of the businesses in Peninsula would be used and they wanted to avoid that. Ruoff said that he was very interested in having a lot with a rest room facility. Schneider, Jr. said that a rest room facility was the key.

Martin said that, hopefully, the Cuyahoga River water quality would improve to the point that it could be used for canoeing.

Martin said that the Oak Hill Center was in the early planning stages. It will be an expanded environmental campus. There will be a 130-bed overnight operation which utilizes over 500 acres. It will be a unique operation as an outdoor classroom.

There is already a lot of interest in the Earthlore program. It will serve the 1700 schools in a 19 county area surrounding the park. There would be a maximum of 40 thousand attending the program each year.

Planning is under way. Building will be done by a private architect. The project is being done under Title I services and all of the funding is not yet in place. Ruoff asked what the time frame of the project was. Martin said that John Debo has a goal of being operational by the end of '91, but that depends upon the funding being in place.

Ruoff asked how many now visit the Oak Hill site. Martin said that 7,000 to 8,000 currently use the facility annually. Bobel said that when the center is open, buses will bring people on Monday and they will leave Friday.

Schneider, Jr. said that there is a possibility that the road would not be open. There is a situation in the township where less money is available for roads. The township has not yet recouped the damages from heavy use of the roads from the last project. \$10,000 of an annual \$250,000 budget comes to the township from property taxes.

Ruoff said that the village is responsible for the maintenance of part of Major Road, but there is only one house in the village there. Schneider said that Major Road needs major work. Bobel asked about the other end of Major. Schneider, Jr. said that the other end is okay, but that the top is bad. Martin said that he is aware of the problem with roads throughout the park, but he can't do anything about that. Local officials have

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to contact their federal representatives.

Bergdorf said that he worked at Camp Manitoc for 12 years and that during that time the buses that brought scouts left to return for them at the end of the week. That involved four trips for each busload. He said that he didn't think that that would change.

There were problems with the 750 to 1,500 who attended Camp Manitoc which included alcohol, self-education in sex, incidences requiring fire and rescue squads, and those who just decided to leave the camp. A plan has to be in place to deal with these kinds of issues for the larger numbers which will be attending the Oak Hill Center. The plan should be visible enough so that there can be community input.

Martin said that the plan is public. Bergdorf said that the plan was written 3 years ago and approved 2 years ago. Diane Hack, also present, asked why there didn't have to be an impact study on the lighting and the parking lot. She wanted to know how this project could be done so quickly while it took a year to get the right-of-way to fix Oak Hill Road. Martin said that there has to be approval for a right-of-way from the Director of the National Park Service and that takes a year. Right-of-way is the most difficult thing to get.

Schneider, Jr. said that he would appreciate it if the local officials were kept abreast of park plans. It saves us a lot to be kept informed. There currently doesn't seem to be good working communications. Local officials take the heat financially and verbally. It would be very helpful to know about projects where there is equipment or trucks involved. Martin said that it wouldn't be possible to let officials know every time there is heavy equipment involved somewhere. Schneider, Jr. said that we should be informed of major projects.

Financially, the township has no tax base. It would be impossible to pay for street lighting for the township from the property tax collected. Now, we have to expect an increase of 900,000 using the area annually.

Rudoff thanked Martin and Bobel for attending and invited the park to regularly attend the two joint meetings that the village and the township have each year.

Martin said that the CVNRA is active in the Cuyahoga Valley Communities Council and that he encouraged both communities to be active in that group.

Bergdorf said that the reason that the trustees had been curious about the location of the towpath parking lot in Boston was that the park had bought land that the township wanted. The township had wanted to expand the Boston Cemetery and had had the offer of a donation from Corrugated Box, but within days the park had negotiated for the property. The cemetery still needs land, and now would have to buy it.

Fire Contract and Budget

Schneider, Jr. said that the Fire Board had spent 3 hours the night before working on the budget and he asked Haranis to present the results.

Haranis passed out the proposed budget. See exhibit A.

The cushion in each line item was removed and a line item was added for an "excess operating fund." Using the cost of the Parker fire which was \$25,000 in 1981, the Fire Board put in \$30,000 for an excess operating fund.

The Fire Department has cost approximately \$110,000 per year to run for the past several years except for the year that new radios were purchased. That year \$140,000 was spent. The board went through the past expenditures by line items and obtained as realistic figures as possible for the 1991 budget. All excess was removed from the payroll. About \$16,000 was spent in 1987, 1988, and 1989.

The total budget for 1991 ended up at \$147,550.00. The income estimate was also increased. The park contract is down, because they don't have as many abandoned buildings, collections for rescue are better than was anticipated. Income from sources

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other than the village and township will be \$13,500.

Haramis said that expenditures for the first two quarters are low, but there are some large bills still to come. A \$20,000 insurance bill was just paid.

Schneider said that if the Oak Hill School gets started, the number of calls in 1991 may be more. Schneider, Jr. said that the Fire Chief has worked out an arrangement with the park that they only call Valley Fire District in a dire emergency. This policy has pared Valley's rescue calls.

Ruoff said that he thought that the park should have a bigger input because of the use of the towpath and the Oak Hill Campus.

Ruoff said that he appreciated the incorporation of the "excess operating fund" into the budget. It had been something that he had been fussing about. The \$30,000 figure is something else again. He said that he might of chosen \$25,000, but can see why the Fire Board would rather have the higher figure.

Schneider, Jr. said that the Fire Board had gone back 4 years instead of the one that had been originally used. Haramis said that he had been surprised that they couldn't take \$30,000 right out of the payroll line item. Schneider, Jr. said that \$15,000 had been paid out last year for fire persons. Ruoff said that he did not want to quibble about the \$30,000 figure. He was glad for the change in the way the budget is presented.

Schneider, Jr. said that another line item, "Sanitary," had been added. Since the Porta-potties cost \$1,400 per year, he said that they deserve their own line item.

Ruoff asked if there was any sale of equipment planned for next year. Haramis said that none was planned for 1991.

Schneider, Jr. reported that the Fire Board was on schedule with the capital levy purchases. Last to be purchased is the pumper which should last 10 years and Engine #4 will be sold at that time. The board has refurbished Engine #1 and purchased a new rescue squad. The old squad was refurbished for \$10,000 and the tanker will soon have a new chassis. Haramis said that it looks like the last year of the levy will be needed to finish the improvements. The Fire Department officers are scheduled to present a plan for the use of the last of the levy money at the next Fire Board meeting.

Ruoff asked if there were any plans for an operating budget levy in the future. Tom Morehouse, also present, said that a levy would yield \$20,000 per mill. Schneider, Jr. said that the Board would still need input from the village and township for the catastrophe fund. Interest money should go toward equipment.

Ruoff said that he would like to see an agreement upon the percentage paid by the township and village for a three year period in the next contract. It makes budget planning easier. Schneider, Jr. said that it is easier to work on ideas when the board gets them early. The board is trying to stay ahead of new standards. One of the latest is that no one can ride on the backs of trucks any more. Seats are now provided. The board is guessing that the riders will also have to be strapped in.

Ruoff said that he would like the board to work on a long term plan on how to make the transition to an operating levy. Haramis said that if one passes, there will be \$50,000 to \$60,000 which will not leave the communities' budgets. Bergdorf asked if there would be permanent \$30,000 fund for emergency. Schneider, Jr. said there would.

Bergdorf asked if the "excess operating fund" would be for disasters or emergencies. Haramis said both. The fund could be used if there was a major disaster or if there were more rescue calls. Bergdorf said that he thought that the uses of this line item should be identified.

Haramis said that the use of the fund could be reviewed in the next year's budget. The officers are doing a good job. They think out the things that they are doing.

Schneider, Jr. said that a truck might blow a \$5,000 motor. The village and township can get together to discuss it if the fund gets low.

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Pullekins said that there are now major checks at the end of three quarters. All of the representatives of the Fire Board have spent quality time on the budget. The officers are tuning into the budget concept. The Department is running more like a business. Haranis, Schneider, Jr., and Morehouse should be complimented.

Ruoff asked the Fire Board to get the budget into the final form and submit it to the trustees and council.

Bergdorf gave Haranis a list of concerns that Hansen had presented to him. Haranis said that Hansen wanted to limit the number of terms that one person could serve. Ruoff said that such a rule could be enacted with a grandfather clause.

Schneider, Jr. said that if someone is doing a good job and no one else is qualified, he would not want to lose that member of the board. It is not a job for someone without any experience.

Haranis said that two members should not be changed at the same time. Tenure is important, because someone should know the history. A structured turn-over is important so that a new person can be given the rationale for decisions.

Schneider, Jr. said that with two elected officials on the Fire Board, it would be possible to lose both members if they both lost their reelections. Ruoff said that the president of the United States is limited to two terms in office, but that he disagrees with Deway that the Fire Board terms should be limited. Schneider said that if council doesn't like its representative, council can replace him or her. It's up to the governing body. Tesner said that experience counts for a lot.

Police Contract and Budget

Tesner reported that the Safety Committee was about half way home on the 1991 budget and that the discussions had been shared with Broderick. Next year's budget will include a new vehicle, charges for dispatch, and a 3% cost-of-living increase.

The village has been talking with the county, Hudson, and Richfield about dispatch services.

A large item in this year's budget is car maintenance. Schneider, Jr. said that he wished that we hadn't gotten out of the procedure to buy a new vehicle each year.

Schneider, Jr. said that he thought that a 3% raise was degrading. The police department is on the right track now and he would like to keep it that way. With the current wage structure, it is not enticing to good young policemen. We have good men now, but if they leave or retire, we don't want to have to take others' leftovers.

Tesner said that she did not disagree except that she thought that purchasing of the used state patrol cars had been a good decision at the time. Ruoff said that we had taken a risk on used vehicles, but that starting in 1991, we can start buying a new one each year. He said that he would like to go higher on salaries, as high as Boston Heights, but the money isn't available now. We can look at that next year. Schneider, Jr. said that he is concerned about change-over.

Ruoff said that we should count our blessings that we have Chief Kruty. Schneider, Jr. said that he didn't want to play with morale.

Tesner said that she agreed that we were fortunate to have the quality of men that we do. Schneider, Jr. said that he was concerned about the increase. We need to maintain the department at its current level. Haranis agreed.

Bergdorf said that he would like to maintain the quality. Haranis said that a 3% raise was really lean. Schneider, Jr. said that it is important that a budgetted increase be made early in the year. Haranis said that we know what we want to do. Now we have to find a way to do it.

Tesner said that the committee has been exploring the possibility of getting a small computer for the police clerk to use for police and fire. Krusinski said that the township may have a computer available when they switch to the state system. Schneider, Jr. suggested that the computer could be purchased from the police budget.

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Cable Television

Bergdorf suggested that the joint body request the presence of a cable company at the next joint meeting by resolution. Ruoff said that different companies are responsible for different areas of the county. Cablevision has our area and they have no interest in us. Schneider suggested that we call 341-HELP since all else has failed.

Bicycle Race

Tesmer asked if everyone had received their donations from the bicycle races. Schneider, Jr. said that for the second race, Valley was on call. They would not be paid for that.

Bergdorf said that he had complaints both times. He suggested that the routes be one way for cars. Haramis said that he thought that it was a neat day that brought people into the area. If there were problems, Donaldson, Brad Hansen, the Chief, and Tesmer should get together to discuss them. Most problems were probably the result of a lack of communication.

Ruoff said that the report from the police was the second race was a disaster. Tesmer said that the first race was local riders and it went well. The out-of-towners in the second race didn't care about us. The number of riders and the rainy conditions that day may have contributed to the problems.

Haramis suggested that a letter be sent to Donaldson so that we could talk about how the next race could be better. Tesmer said that the Blue Knights were supposed to be there and there were supposed to be escort trucks for each group of riders, but some of these didn't show up. Haramis said that there were problems and we have to start now to work them out.

Haramis said that the first couple of years that the golf club in Hudson held a tournament, it was terrible, but they worked out their problems.

Census

Bergdorf said that he had gotten a letter from Congressman Sawyer about the census. We will have 15 working days after we receive a rough count to verify it. Bergdorf said that enumerators had told him that they were having trouble finding house numbers in this area.

Schneider left at this point, 9:32 p.m.

Rubbish Removal/Recycling Update

Bergdorf said that the township is considering a rubbish contract similar to what the village is going to do. Terry's has said that they will put a deposit on bags and sell them for the township.

Boston Heights has indicated to Bergdorf that they would be willing to have our three communities form a disposal district. We can consider that in the future.

Ruoff said that the village will rent recycle containers, but that Redlin would do the work of distributing the bags. Schneider, Jr. said that the bag system will help the older residents and the bins will be provided for everyone.

Other Matters of Mutual Concern

Ruoff said that he had been proud of the police operation held on Route #303 which cited drivers with open containers. It had been done in conjunction with the state and county law enforcement agencies. Schneider, Jr. asked if a similar operation had occurred on Route #8. Ruoff said that Boston Heights had been responsible for that, but the our police department may perform a similar operation at some other location some other time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Haramis, seconded by Tesmer, at 9:41 p.m. All vote aye.

Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Peninsula