

BOSTON TOWNSHIP

Minutes of Board Meeting

August 10, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Members Present: Sitzer, Stuck, Dunton, Ziesman, Van Prooyen, Lamphere and Olson

Absent:

Guests: Jeff Dickerman, Robert Brown Jr., George Raimer and Mark Fritsma from the Fred Meijer Rails to Trails River Valley Rail-trails division, Steve Wagner, Amanda and Adam Trahan, Randy and Sheri Miller, Carl Cornill, Marsha Henschke and Mike Lamphere

Citizen Comments:

Agenda Approval: Sitzer made the motion Lamphere seconded to approve agenda. Passed; Yes-7, No-0.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- August, 2016 Bills Payable with Checks 18531 – 18579 for a total amount of \$31,780.66, July 13, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed, changes were made. Olson made the motion to approve with changes made to the Consent Agenda, Sitzer seconded. Passed; Yes-7, No-0.

Clerk's Report:

- Clerk explained the email she received from MTA Attorney Cathy Mullhaupt in regards to a Township employee running for a Township position and how it would affect some employees.

Treasurer's Report:

- Account balances were reviewed.

New Business:

- Board heard from Steve Wagner; resident requesting several variances to the Private Road Ordinance as well as from concerned neighbors that would be affected if allowed, Adam and Amanda Trahan and Randy and Sheri Miller, Talcott and original property owner Catalano. Board had received a letter from Jon Moxey outlining all the variances that were being requested and steps that would need to take place. With much discussion and hearing from the residents present the board decided to let the parties involved come to an agreement. Before the Board would consider taking any action they would require from Steve Wagner a certified Engineers Site Plan pointing out the specific locations and amounts of the variances that would be requested for the private road if one would be necessary.
- The Rails to Trails Presentation was made by Robert Brown, Jr. from the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail-Trails division. Upon completion of the presentation he asked the board to consider adopting the "Walkable Community" Resolution. The clerk will produce a resolution to be voted on at the September 14, 2016 meeting.
- Clerk asked the board to consider returning the Compliance Fee of \$50.00 back to Denise Konwinski from Florida who had purchased a piece of property in the Township to put a home on for her daughter then found out that it is a non-buildable lot according to the DEQ. This property had sold 7 years ago and the DEQ had deemed it in a Flood Plain and not buildable then. Ziesman made the motion to refund the fee, Olson seconded; Passed: Yes-7, No-0
- Supervisor Dunton has asked newly nominated candidate Bowen to be his Deputy. Clerk made a motion that he get paid the same as the Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Cemeterian of \$15.00 hr., Lamphere seconded; Passed by roll-call vote: Van Prooyen-yes, Ziesman-no, Stuck-no, Sitzer-yes, Olson-yes, Lamphere-yes, Dunton-yes. Passed Yes-5, No-2

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Deputy Bindus reported on his calls for July, 2016. He mentioned that he spent some time at the election introducing himself to the residents of Boston.

Supervisor's Notes:

- Supervisor mentioned that the Fire Department millage renewal at .8992 mills will be levied to .5 mills.

Citizen Comments: Marsha Henshke commented of the Rails to Trails. It bothers her that outside people would want to come inside our community. She feels that the majority of Americans do not bike or walk. There was a rebuttal to her comment from George Raimer of the River Valley Rail-Trail division. Many people have benefited from the trails with giving them an opportunity to get out and exercise, losing weight and becoming healthier.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Beth Van Prooyen-Clerk