

## **BOSTON TOWNSHIP**

Minutes of Board Meeting

February 11, 2015

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dunton at 7:00 p.m. on the nose!

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

Absent:

Guests: Carl Cornill

Citizens' Comments:

Agenda Approval: Moved by Ziesman to approve the agenda, seconded by Olson.  
Passed: Yes-7, No-0.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- February bills payable – Checks 18007 – 18028 for a total amount of \$28,169.46 which included the MTA housing checks.
- Minutes from January 14, 2015 meeting were reviewed Motion made by Ziesman to approve consent agenda, seconded by Olson, passed: Yes-7, No-0

Clerks' Report:

- Clerk will be ordering more table top voting secrecy dividers.

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed Account Balances

New Business:

- Estimate from Clorwell Electric was presented and the Board made the decision not to engage but to label outlets themselves.

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Adoption of Resolution No. 15-01 which terminated Resolution No. 08-01 which approved the final Hillside Site Condominium Project Plan and the related Private Road Application: Motion made by Ziesman, Seconded by Olson to adopt, Passed-by roll call vote: Yes- Dunton, Van Prooyen, Olson, Sitzer, Lamphere, Ziesman, Stuck, No-0. Past expenses will be looked into to determine if any of the bond money is reimbursable. There is also a 25% non-performance penalty that will be accessed.
- Adoption of Resolution No. 15-02 which established a fee for Reimbursable Expenses regarding Ordinance Compliance Certificate, fee set at \$50.00 per application, with the possibility of adding an escrow amount in increments of \$500.00 if found by Supervisor that the process will incur additional costs. This amount will be paid in advance. Motion

made by Stuck, seconded by Ziesman to adopt this resolution. Passed by roll call vote:  
Yes- Dunton, Van Prooyen, Olson, Sitzer, Lamphere, Ziesman, Stuck, No-0

- Supervisor and Officer Brinks gave the board an update on the Hartley vs. Barnes blight compliance issue. As of 2/10/2015 Barnes all work was not completed due to ground being frozen. Officer Brinks gave him additional time to get this done because of the frost in the ground. He will revisit in the spring.

Supervisor's Notes:

- Supervisor attended the Ionia County Road Commission meeting and was enlightened on the May 5, 2015 State Proposal of a 1% raise on sales tax. Not all money will go to roads but will be divided up, 1<sup>st</sup>: It will go to pay off the MDOT road debt, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 300,000,000 will go to the schools and 3<sup>rd</sup> 260,000,000 will go to increasing the Earned Income Credit. It may take up to three years to see improvement to the road conditions. Handouts should be on the counter for voters.
- Board of Review: set the Poverty Income Guidelines. As part of the Asset Test Boston Township Board set the Asset Ceiling at \$10,000. Township Board determined to follow the poverty income guidelines as published by the State Treasury Department. Stuck made a motion Ziesman seconded, Passed: Yes-7, No-0
- Government is due to put new FOIA procedure's and guidelines out on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015
- Boston Township received the \$1500.00 Rowland escrow money though nothing has been done to date in correcting the private road issue.

Citizen's Comments:

- Deputy Brinks presented his report to the Board.
- Ziesman gave the board an update from the last Saranac Fire Department meeting. New Scott Air Packs (breathing apparatuses) are needed and will cost \$140,000 to replace. 2015 is the last year of Fire Department's Millage and will need to be put on the ballot for renewal in 2016.
- Meeting Adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Van Prooyen - Clerk