

BOSTON TOWNSHIP

Minutes of Board Meeting

January 14, 2015

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dunton at 7:07 p.m.

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

Absent:

Guests: Larry Tiejema, Paul Spitzley, Carl Cornill

Citizens' Comments: Larry Tiejema addressed the board with the County Commissioners report.

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

Consent Agenda Approval:

- January bills payable – Checks 17978 – 18010 for a total amount of \$30,609.70 with the addition of MTA housing checks.
- Minutes from December 10, 2014 meeting were reviewed Motion made by Sitzer to approve consent agenda, seconded by Ziesman, passed: Yes-7, No-0

Clerks' Report:

- Clerk presented to the board the Yellow Pages listing request with a suggestion of ignoring such requests in the future, board agreed.
- Clerk Van Prooyen made a motion to accept the 2015-2016 insurance renewal of \$4374.00 which is 250.00 higher than last year's due to an increase in election official's liability coverage. Dunton moved, Lamphere seconded, passed: Yes-7, No-0
- Clerk asked the boards opinion to absorb the cost for the Village of Saranac to be on the General Election Ballot Dunton made the motion that we absorb the cost, Ziesman seconded, passed: Yes-7, No-0. Treasurer came in with an excerpt from the MTA little Red Book that stated we must bill the village, clerk will look into it to see if we indeed do have to or we can accept the motion set on the floor. (Clerk called the Bureau of Elections on Friday and was told that what is in the MTA red book is old law. They no longer see a need to bill the village unless they hold a special election.)

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed Account Balances
- Treasurer brought to the attention of the board that the microwave in the hall's kitchen was in need of replacement. Ziesman made the motion to allow treasurer to seek a replacement with a do not exceed amount of \$250.00, passed: Yes-7, No-0

New Business:

- Township board set the 2015-2016 Budget Work Shop for Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00pm. Public hearing will be at the regular March 11, 2015 board meeting at 7:00pm in the township hall.
- Paul Spitzley from the Ionia County Road Commission was at the meeting presenting Ionia County Road Commissions 2015 Construction Agenda and to talk with the board about road conditions in Boston Township and their plan on fixing these roads. Plans for type of repair and costs were presented and questions answered in the best way to approach some of these repairs and what is expected from Boston Township in seeing these repairs done.

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

Supervisor's Notes:

- Supervisor presented a format for Permit Application with the Ionia County Building Department that was worded by the attorney which they feel will help in stopping future Ordinance Violations. In making this a fee base application was discussed and a decision will be made in the future if necessary. Stuck made the motion to accept the application wording as written, seconded by Olson, passed: Yes-7, No-0
- Supervisor Dunton commented on a Land Division Violation off of Ware Rd.
- Stuck made the motion for the board to deem the Hillside Estates Condominium Development as defunct, Ziesman seconded, passed: Yes-7, No-0 Board will have the attorney send a letter.

Citizen's Comments:

- Deputy Brinks presented his report to the Board.
- Meeting Adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Van Prooyen - Clerk