

## **BOSTON TOWNSHIP**

Minutes of Board Meeting

July 8, 2015

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dunton at 6:58 p.m.

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

Absent:

Guests: Carl Cornill, Bud Hansberger, Jon Moxey from Fleis & VandenBrink and Officer Brinks, George and Carole Anderson, Ed Hoopman, Dick and Dorothy Pohl-ICRC, Angie Sterzick, Donna Smit, Phil and Kathy Hughes, Ken Gasper-ICRC, Paul Spitzley-ICRC, Keith Gillhespi, Dean Clark and Dennis Bowen

Citizens' Comments:

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

Consent Agenda Approval:

- July bills payable – Checks 18152 – 18176 for a total amount of \$29,490.87
- Minutes from June 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed Motion made by Stuck to approve consent agenda, seconded by Olson, Passed: Yes-7, No-0

Clerks' Report:

- Clerk said that after checking with the village, the water bill would have to be paid in full as it was water used.
- Clerk also mentioned that there was no response for the resealing and restriping of the parking lot so she would call around for bids.

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed Account Balances- because the meeting fell early in the month and with having the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday, the bank statements had not been received yet.

New Business:

- Michigan Municipal League asked that we vote for any or all of the six Trustees seeking reelection. Dunton made the motion to vote in all six, Lamphere seconded, Passed: Yes-7, No-0.
- Unfinished Business/Old Business:
- Board Adopted Resolution 15-03 terminating the Nash Highway Business Park Condominium Park Site Project by roll call vote: Dunton-Yes, Sitzer-Yes, Olson-Yes, Ziesman-Yes, Stuck-Yes, Lamphere-Yes and Van Prooyen-Yes. Clerk will pen a letter along with the Supervisor to be sent with a copy of the Resolution to EFH & SJD Properties.

- At 7:15 pm an open discussion of the 1 mill millage proposal to get our roads back to where they should be started. Reasons for asking for the millage are; Failure of Proposal 1, Failure of Ionia County Road Commission Proposal request, Quality of the roads deteriorating, the budgeted \$100,000 for each of the past 25 years has gone mainly to gravel road maintenance and lastly the Failure of the legislature to come up with a solution to our Michigan Road Problems!
- Paul Spitzley Engineer for the Ionia County Road Commission started the discussion by presenting some of the worse roads that needs immediate attention and why, along with the alternatives and the costs to do the repairs needed. Morrison Lake Road was the center of the conversation as it is the most used road in the Township.
- Secondly Engineer Jon Moxey from Fleis and VandenBrink elaborated on what was said by Paul Spitzley. Jon gave some additional insight to what could be done to keep yearly costs down and by doing “Phase Projects” instead of doing the whole project all at once but, said in the long run it would cost the Township as the price for labor and materials goes up every year, so by spreading the project out over years would cost more. If the roads are repaired properly and maintained properly they can last 50 years. He mentioned that it would be easier to make projections of when the work would be done if the proposal was to pass. They then could show the community when things would happen and at which point in time.
- Thirdly legal representative, Jim White from Mika, Meyers, PLC explained the funding aspects of the projects of the three options that were presented by the Ionia County Road Commission to repair Morrison Lake Rd. What it would cost over the years of having to get a loan, Bonds would need to be issued and the taxes collected may be subject to the Headley Rollbacks. The proposal should be dedicated solely to the roads. Jim also brought along with him a Resolution for the Board if they chose to go along with the proposal on the November ballot.
- The residents had a chance to ask questions. The Anderson’s who live near the corner of Hastings Rd. and Grand River Ave. mentioned how bad that area is and that there are terrible potholes that need to be dealt with and asked if that would be repaired with these funds. Another resident asked if there will be another attempt from the Ionia County Road Commission to also ask for a Road Millage and if there were Federal Funds available for designated emergency routes. Dorothy Pohl answered by saying, “Yes, the Road Commission would ask for another 2 mill Road Millage if the Legislature does not come up with a plan for more funding and explained how that would work, and no there are no funds designated specifically for emergency routes. Angie Sterzick asked about the \$100,000 allowance the board budgets for the roads every year. Phil Hughes asked if we invested in the roads if we could restrict who uses the roads, specifically the big trucks. It was explained that the big trucks already have load restrictions when traveling on non-class “A” roads. Dennis Bowen mentioned that there are no State Funds at this time only Federal Funds and that is what is hurting the road conditions. No funding!
- Stuck made the motion, seconded by Ziesman to adopt Resolution No. 15-04 to go ahead and enter a 1.2 Mill Millage Request for ten (10) Years on the State General Election November 3, 2015 ballot, pursuant to the provisions of Act 62, the General Property Tax Act, and the Michigan Election Law and will be delivered to the Ionia County Clerk by the Township Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 11, 2015. By roll call vote the

proposal passed: Dunton-Yes, Van Prooyen-Yes, Lamphere-Yes, Olson-Yes, Ziesman-Yes, Sitzer-Yes and Stuck-Yes.

Supervisor's Notes:

- Dunton said he had found someone to do the roadside mowing and that the mowing had started.

Citizen's Comments:

- Officer Brinks mentioned what is going on in the Township and gave an update on Blight Violations.

Additional Non-Agenda Subjects:

- Olson gave an update on the progress of identifying the outlets in the hall to try and keep from blowing the breakers.
- Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Van Prooyen - Clerk