

BOSTON TOWNSHIP

Minutes of Board Meeting

March 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, Ziesman, Stuck

Absent: Lamphere

Guests: Carl Cornill, Kerri Shaler

Citizens' Comments:

Agenda Approval: Moved by Sitzer to approve the agenda, seconded by Olson.

Passed: Yes-6, No-0.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- February bills payable – Checks 18029 – 18057 for a total amount of \$22,306.40 plus Retirement fund amount once received from retirement advisor to be posted on 3/31/2015.
- Minutes from February 11, 2015 meeting were reviewed Motion made by Stuck to approve consent agenda, seconded by Ziesman, passed: Yes-6, No-0

Clerks' Report:

- Clerk reported that the May 5th election preparations are under way. Received ballots and registrations to absentee voters went out last week.

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed Account Balances
- Board approved the release of funds from the Saranac Fire Fund to be released by the end of the month. Motion made by Stuck, seconded by Ziesman, passed: Yes-6, No-0

New Business:

- Renewal of mowing contracts for 2015 mowing season were approved with same amounts from the 2014 mowing season. Moved by Ziesman, seconded by Olson, passed: Yes-6, No-0.
- Clerk will post in the Shoppers Roadside Mowing Contract up for bid. Bids will be due by the Friday before the May 13, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.
- Ionia County Road Commission Agreements were reviewed. Road conditions were discussed. Motion was made by Stuck, seconded by Ziesman to forego the brining and gravel, gradall agreements for 2015 to save money for much needed repairs to the primary roads that are set for 2018. By roll call vote: Olson-no, Sitzer-no, Stuck-yes, Ziesman-yes, Dunton-no, Van Prooyen-yes, motion failed for lack of majority.

- Olson made a motion to accept Brine, Gravel and Gradall agreements with the Ionia County Road Commission, Sitzer seconded, Failed: Yes-3, No-3 Lack of majority.
- Olson moved to accept the Gradall agreement only, Stuck seconded, Passed: Yes-6, No-0

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Ziesman made a motion to changed budgeted amounts to actual amounts for those expenditures that are over budget, Olson seconded the motion, passed Yes-6, No-0

Supervisor's Notes:

- Cost of Flood Insurance is very high. FEMA has stepped in and said that they would underwrite the flood insurance for all participating communities. As a participating community we must adopt an Ordinance to designate Ionia County Building Department as our enforcing agent to FEMA. Ziesman made the motion to accept this ordinance, Sitzer seconded, passed: Yes-6, No-0

Citizen's Comments:

- Resident Carl Cornil brought to the board his concern for adjacent property was doing work without proper permits, Supervisor Dunton was able to confirm that proper permits had been acquired
- Supervisor Dunton ended the evening announcing his retirement which will take place in November and will give Supervisor Dunton 25 years of service to Boston Township. He announced that he may be naming a deputy to help make the transition smooth when the time comes to appoint a replacement.
- Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Van Prooyen - Clerk