

## **BOSTON TOWNSHIP**

Minutes of Board Meeting

May 13, 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, Lon Finch; Operations of ICRC, Bud White; Superintendent of ICRC, Paul Spitzley; Engineer of ICRC and Officer Brinks

Citizens' Comments:

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

Consent Agenda Approval:

- May bills payable – Checks 18082 – 18118 for a total amount of \$21,607.05
- Minutes from April 8, 2015 meeting were reviewed Motion made by Dunton to approve consent agenda (with change of minutes date to April 8 instead of March 11), seconded by Sitzer and Olson, Passed: Yes-7, No-0

Clerks' Report:

- Clerk brought up the idea of getting table and chair carts to make moving them around easier and giving less of a chance of damaging the new carpet and there are already some snags from tables and chairs being dragged across the room carts along with replacing the heavy metal tables with new plastic light weight tables. Motion made by Ziesman that a do not exceed amount of \$1500.00 may be used to accomplish this, seconded and passed: Yes-7, No-0.
- Clerk mentioned that we need to look closer at the hall after renters leave before refunding security checks as the hall was left in a mess from last renter prior to the election. Lamphere made a motion to bill the renter \$50.00 for clean-up, Olson seconded, passed: Yes-7, No-0. After further discussion it was realized that the check had already been returned and that maybe we should use this as a learning situation and from here forward hold back funds accordingly.
- Clerk gave an update of the election and provided everyone with the Townships results.

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed Account Balances
- Treasurer mentioned that a new faucet was needed in the ladies room as it has been leaking for some time. Someone will look into this further.

- Treasurer reported on how the Assessor picks the homes he visits for assessment, he claims he picks the 20% that is the oldest since last visual assessment and will continue to. Should have all properties up to date within five year time.

#### New Business:

- Ionia County Road Commission was well represented to answer some of the board's question with main concern of Morrison Lake Road's condition. Three different approaches to fixing the road were presented. Much discussion took place of the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of applications and especially the cost and how we could cover these costs. Discussion of grants available and possible local donations. Eventually a motion was made by Ziesman that we look at putting on March 2016 election ballot a request for a 1 mill millage for 10 years for Boston Township roads. These funds would stay in Boston Township 100%. Passed by roll call vote: Lamphere-yes, Van Prooyen-yes, Sitzer-yes, Dunton-yes, Olson-yes, Ziesman-yes, and Stuck-yes. Motion passed: 7-0.
- Olson made a motion to accept a partial Gravel Agreement with the Ionia County Road Commission in the amount of \$2750.00 which would include roads Hotchkiss, Keiser and Mick with Dunton seconding the motion. A roll call vote was asked for: Stuck-no, Ziesman-no, Olson-yes, Dunton-yes, Sitzer-yes, Van Prooyen-no and Lamphere-no. Motion failed.
- Special Assessment District questions were raised by Lance Rice for Elm Road and Goodemote paving project. Board will wait for petition before going any further.
- Ziesman made the motion to approve the new FOIA Act resolution, Van Prooyen seconded, passed: Yes-7, No-0
- Dunton made the motion to approve the Agreement between Drain Commissioner and the Fahrni Drain that would most likely cost the township a little more on the Drains at Large Budget item. Passed: Yes-7, No-0 by roll call vote: Dunton-yes, Sitzer-yes, Olson-yes, Ziesman-yes, Stuck-yes, Lamphere-yes, Van Prooyen-yes.
- Stump removal at the cemetery was discussed and agreed that a do not exceed amount of \$1925.00 be set. Motion made by Lamphere, seconded by Olson, passed: Yes-7, No-0

#### Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Trustee Olson reported on the Memorial Day Program on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Guest speaker will be State Senator Mike Nofs, Pastor Jim Kirkland Life Point Church will officiate the opening and closing prayers, Earl Benedict will once again recite the words to "Taps" as well as pay tribute to two soldiers Roger Cochrun and Bob Sherwood. Boy Scout Troop #71, Saranac High School Band directed by Matt Stauffer, the top ranked seniors of Saranac High School and the American Legion Post #175 along with the Woman's Auxiliary and Color Guard will also be playing a part in this years' program.
- We received three bids on the White's Cemetery Mowing for the summer. Bid from Lamphere Lawncare Service was accepted.

#### Supervisor's Notes:

- Windstream failed to renew the Metro Act on time. Ziesman made the motion to allow renewal with a fine assessed of \$500.00 for failure to file on time, seconded by Olson, passed: Yes-7, No -0

- Board received an invitation to the Open House for the new Ionia Sparrow Hospital on June 4, 2015 from 1:00pm-2:00pm.

Citizen's Comments:

- Officer Brinks gave the board an update on the blight situations new and ongoing. Officer Brinks also asked if the board would still consider supporting his efforts in educating bike safety with the purchase of helmets to give to participants. Ziesman made a motion for a do not exceed amount of \$500.00, Olson and Sitzer seconded, passed: Yes-7, No-0. Officer Brinks mentioned that there is a Hemp farm started here in the Township. Many departments of Ionia County are involved in making sure that this business is a legal business.
- Meeting Adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Van Prooyen - Clerk