

# **BOSTON TOWNSHIP**

Minutes of Board Meeting

June 8, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm.

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

Absent:

Guests: Carl Cornill, Robin Hayden, Kyle Butler, Janae and Dan Cooper, Larry Tiejema, Terra Pettinga, Judson Kingsley and Sargent Charon

Citizen Comments: Kyle Butler introduced himself as running for the Prosecuting Attorney position on the August 2, 2016 Primary Ballot, Janae Cooper introduced herself as running for the County Clerk position on the August 2, 2016 Primary Ballot, Sargent Charon gave the police report for Boston Township patrolman Deputy Bindus who was in training class, Terra Pettinga addressed the board with concerns of the remote control planes that play over her home from the Walter's Radio Control Park, Larry Tiejema gave the board update on County Business and Judson Kingsley brought to the board that he thought we should discuss and invest in putting a mausoleum up at the cemetery by possibly using the existing pole barn area, Rails to Trails issues he had is that he is concerned for the safety of the riders/walkers as farmers cross it to get to their fields and livestock. He feels that there should be access points along the trails with markers alerting the riders/walkers. He feels if this is enforced it would eliminate any future problem the Township may face if someone gets hurt. Third, Judson wanted to bring up that he was appalled by the roadside tree trimming the county did. He feels that it is disgraceful and that the trees are harmed and will die from the process.

Agenda Approval: Ziesman made the motion Sitzer seconded to approve agenda. Passed; Yes-7, No-0.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- June, 2016 Bills Payable with Checks 18481 – 18502 for a total amount of \$24,489.15, May 11, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Ziesman moved and Sitzer seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed; Yes-7, No-0.

Clerk's Report:

- Clerk gave an update on the Wi-Fi findings after investigating it further. WOW could not say why the person on Peck Lake lost service without giving them an address. Clerk called Crouch Communications to find that there is a Wi-Fi service available in the area to all residents. The sidewalk on the South side of the hall will be fixed by the village at no cost when they go around fixing other sidewalk problems in the village. The hall cleaning was done. Clerk asked the board how much they would like to set for monthly cleaning. Ziesman suggested that we set a \$50.00 a month cost for cleaning the hall and suggested that we get a contract signed by Laurie Brooks Cleaning Service as it was brought to the Board's attention that Laurie herself was not the one doing the cleaning.

Treasurer's Report:

- Account balances were reviewed. (Bank Statements had not come in before the meeting)
- Cleaning of the Veteran headstones at the Saranac Cemetery had been completed. Whites Cemetery and South Boston Cemetery will also be done. Gravestone Services, Inc. gave an estimate of what it would cost for them to randomly or with the Boards suggestion, of cleaning and repairing 100 of the worse headstones for man amount of \$5400.00. The board decided that it should be the decision of the families and not the board. Board suggested a committee of volunteer residents be formed to head-up donations that would go to repairs at the cemetery.
- Treasurer has been looking at investment options. The best she could find short term is 1% CD for 12

months.

- Treasurer asked the Board for approval of looking for a tablet, computer and software for the cemetery. Stuck made a motion for a do not exceed amount of \$15,000.00, Ziesman seconded, Passed: Yes-7, No-0

New Business:

- Invitation to the swearing in for Judge Schafer on Friday June 10, 2016 at 2:00pm was extended by Supervisor Dunton to the entire Board.
- Ken Olson made the presentation in place of Bud Hansbarger of the American Legion Post 175 of the repairs needed to the roof on the pole barn at the Saranac Cemetery. Cost could be minimal with volunteers of Boys Scouts and others plus donated materials. Board asked that a proposal be presented.
- Board received the complaint from Terra Pettinga about the Walter's Radio Control Park. Board discussed the issue and decided that it was unenforceable as a violation of the noise ordinance 05-01 - Outdoor Assembly.

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

Supervisor's Notes:

- Supervisor received a livestock-manure storage survey to be completed online. Treasurer or Clerk will help with that.
- Complaint of a partial fence down at Prestige Imports was placed. Supervisor Dunton sent Deputy Bindus out to investigate. Corrine Huyser called with concern to the abandoned home next to her. The yard is unkempt and slightly. Unfortunately the Township has no ordinance against this and is unable to help in rectifying the situation. Update on the trailer exchange on MacArthur Rd. the beautiful double wide trailer the owner was looking at had fallen through. He is still looking for a suitable replacement. The owners of Bloughs West Michigan Sawmill have sold part of their property to Timpson's who has already started mining sand off the property

Citizen Comments:

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Van Prooyen-Clerk