

TOWNSHIP OF BOSTON
COUNTY OF IONIA, MICHIGAN

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Boston, Ionia County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall, 30 North Center Street, Saranac, Michigan, on the 13th day of February, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Dunton, Longwell, Lamphere, Harvey and Mackey

ABSENT: Members: None

WHEREAS, the Township Board has conducted a review of the Township regulatory ordinances;

WHEREAS, the Township regulatory ordinances currently provide that violations of these ordinances are punishable as misdemeanors;

WHEREAS, legislation permits the Township to designate certain violations of Township ordinances to be municipal civil infractions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires, by separate ordinances, to adopt procedures for the issuance of municipal civil infraction citations and to amend certain Township ordinances to provide municipal civil infraction penalties.

Member Lamphere made a motion which was seconded by Member Mackey, that each of the following ordinances be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 02-1

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS AND TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE THEREFOR

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOSTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Authority to Issue Municipal Civil Infraction Citations. The Township Supervisor is authorized to issue citations for violation of any Township Ordinance which is designated to be a municipal civil infraction if the Supervisor has reasonable cause to believe an infraction has occurred, based upon either personal observation or the report of a person who has allegedly witnessed the infraction.

Section 2. Form of Citations. Municipal civil infraction citations shall be numbered consecutively and shall be in a form approved by the State Court Administrator's office.

Section 3. Service of Citations. Municipal civil infraction citations shall be served upon the alleged violator as provided by law.

Section 4. Appearance. Municipal civil infraction citations shall require appearance at the district court within a reasonable time after the citation has been issued.

Section 5. Procedure. The procedures for the admission or denial of responsibility, request for informal or formal hearings, and all other matters related to processing of citations for civil infractions shall be as provided by law.

Section 6. Publication/Effective Date. A summary of the regulatory effect of this Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, within 30 days after adoption. This Ordinance shall become effective upon such publication.