

Boston Township Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dunton at 7 p.m. with the following members present: Harvey, Lamphere, Dunton, Olson, and Spoelstra. Perry arrived at 7:31 p.m.

Agenda Approval – Motion to approve the Agenda, was made by Lamphere, and 2nd by Harvey. All ayes. Passed.

Consent Agenda Approval –

- February bills payable – Checks 15467-15482; 15484-15498 for a total amount of \$26,512.57
- **January Board** meeting minutes were reviewed.

Dunton moved to approve minutes, supported by Olson. All ayes. Passed.

Clerk's Reports

- Ionia County will be hosting an electronic recycling program – June 6 at Scheid Park; or March 23 in Ionia. Spoelstra will transport the broken, unused, and completely depreciated electronics that **the Board had previously voted to dispose of to this site for recycling.**
- Website Update. Clerk Spoelstra is continuing in the process of shopping for the right vendor.
- Retaining an on-site shredding company was discussed. Neither Treasurer Lamphere nor Supervisor Dunton saw the need for shredding of their documents as they are public records and can be just thrown away.

Treasurer's Report

- Investment Report was provided through the end of December 2008.
- Taxes are coming in and Treasurer Lamphere will have the total amounts collected at the March 11 board meeting.

New Business –

- Ethan Priest – Eagle Scout Memorial Day Platform Project. Ethan was in attendance with his father, Gordon Priest, to secure from the **Board** their selection of materials for the project. The Board agreed that this should be a low-maintenance site and, therefore, agreed on plastic materials to be used for building the platform with concrete pilings.

It was also recommended by Trustee Perry, through Supervisor Dunton in his absence, that somewhere on the platform, there shall be erected a plaque dedicating it to David E. Mackey, in honor of his dedicated work with the Boy Scouts of America as well as his work on the **Boston Township Board**. This suggestion was readily agreed on by the **Board** as well as the Priests.

- Determine the Selection Process for Trustee Applicants. Due to time constraints, a notice was posted in the local paper for letters of interest in the position of Trustee, vacant due to the recent death of Dave Mackey. Clerk Spoelstra advised that there have been nine (9) applicants received at the time of the stated deadline.

It was agreed by all **Board** members to conduct a Special Meeting to interview these candidates on Monday, February 23, 2009 between 3-5 p.m. Spoelstra will post a notice in the local paper as well as contact all applicants and schedule a time for them to be interviewed.

- Review of Ordinance Permitting the Division of Recorded Plats (98-02) and proposed Amendment of Ordinance. Continued discussion on this matter was conducted. The definition of “non-conforming dwelling” must be included in the wording of the proposed Amendment. Dunton will contact township attorney to discuss.
- 2009 Brine Agreement. Motion to defer this agreement to the March meeting was made by Dunton and supported by Harvey. All ayes. Passed
- Temporary Consolidation of Precincts for School Election Only. Clerk Spoelstra moved pursuant to MCLA §168.659, to temporarily consolidated Boston Township Precincts 1, 2, and 3 into one (1) Precinct, namely Boston Township Precinct 1, for the May 2009 school election only. Supported by Olson. All ayes. Passed.
- 2009/2010 Budget Workshop – Time permitted to begin discussion and work on the 2009/2010 proposed budget. Remainder of the proposed budget workshop will take place during the Special Meeting to be held on February 23, 2009.

Supervisor’s Notes:

- Supervisor Dunton has been **invited to attend** a meeting to discuss the Morrison Lake Gardens’ re-addressing proposal. It was also discussed that Peck Lake Road should be re-addressed.
- Ionia County Road Commission held a meeting at the Boston Township Hall with residents of Grand River Ave. regarding the upcoming work to be done. This meeting was well attended.
- Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at 7 p.m.
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Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Lori Spoelstra
Boston Township Clerk