

Boston Township Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dunton at 7 p.m. with the following members present: Lamphere, Spoelstra, Harvey, Dunton, Perry, and Stuck. Olson joined at 7:05 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda Approval –

- March bills payable – Checks 15499-15535 for a total amount of \$27,750.18
- February Board meeting minutes were reviewed.
- Special Meeting minutes were reviewed

Stuck moved to approve Consent Agenda, supported by Olson. All ayes. Passed.

Clerk's Reports

- Meeting dates for 2009/2010 were provided

Treasurer's Report

- Boston Township has balanced with county treasurer for 2008 tax collections. The 2008 tax roll, with the exception of ongoing delinquent personal property taxes, has been turned over to the county treasurer as of March 1, 2009.
- Lamphere provided a calculation of 1% of the tax collection record.

New Business –

- Mark VanAllsburg - Ordinance 98-02 restricting two dwellings on one parcel. Attorney Van Allsburg was present to answer questions and provide legal perspective on the proposed amendment.

Motion by Harvey to adopt the Ordinance 09-01 to Amend the Boston Township Ordinance Permitting the Division of Recorded Plats, supported by Olson. Roll call vote: Perry (aye), Lamphere (aye), Stuck (aye), Spoelstra (aye), Harvey (aye), Olson (aye), Dunton (aye). All ayes. Motion Passed.

Attorney VanAllsburg will prepare posting for the paper.

- 2009/2010 Contracts
 - * Lawrence Heiler – mowing township roads for year of 2009 – Approved.
 - * Lamphere Lawncare – lawn care & sidewalk snow removal - Approved.
 - * Ray Prins – lawn care and cemetery maintenance for White Cemetery.

Spoelstra moved to allow spring clean up at White Cemetery as needed at the rate of \$15 per hour, but not to exceed 6 hours. Supported by Stuck. All ayes. Passed.

* Lyle and Sharon Jackson – Contract for Saranac and South Boston Cemetery Maintenance. The Board would like a definition of what “complete maintenance of lawn and grounds at the cemetery” means to the Jacksons; as well as a definition of what “supplies” would be considered. Spoelstra will contact Jacksons to seek this information, prior to contract approval.

- 2009 Brine Agreement Ionia County Road Commission – This contract has been bid at the same rate as 2008.

Motion by Stuck to accept the Brine Agreement for 2009 as written, supported by Perry. All ayes. Passed.

- 2009/2010 Budget Hearing – At 9:36 p.m. the regular meeting was recessed and the public hearing on the issue of the 2009/2010 budget convened. The allocated operating mileage rate of .7681 supports the budget.

Motion by Harvey to adopt the proposed 2009/2010 budget, supported by Perry. Roll call vote: Harvey (aye), Olson (aye), Lamphere (aye), Spoelstra (aye), Perry (aye), Stuck (aye), Dunton (aye). All ayes. Motion passed.

Public hearing adjourned and regular meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

Supervisor's Notes:

- Board of Review member, James Clark, has been appointed, and March Board of Review has taken place.
- A community development meeting will be held at the township hall on March 31, 2009, at 7 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the potential house number changes at Morrison Lake Gardens. This meeting is open to the public.
- Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Lori Spoelstra
Boston Township Clerk