

Boston Township Board Meeting Minutes

**March 10, 2010**

Approved  
4-14-10

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dunton at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Dunton, Stuck, Spoelstra, and Perry, Olson, Lamphere. Absent: Harvey

Agenda Approval – A motion was made by Stuck to approve the Agenda with the addition of 2010-2011 meeting dates. Supported by Dunton. All ayes. Passed.

Consent Agenda Approval –

- March bills payable – Checks 15909-15943 for a total amount of \$30,592.09.
- February board meeting minutes were reviewed

A motion was made by Perry to approve Consent Agenda, with an amendment to February minutes to read that the Portland Road bridge “project” costs of “\$800,000” changed from “construction” costs of “\$300,000.” Supported by Stuck. All ayes. Passed.

Clerk’s Reports

- QuickBooks software needs to be updated to 2010 version to maintain correct Payroll software.
- Balance Sheet was presented. Escrow accounts reviewed and discussed.

Treasurer’s Report

- Lamphere presented accounts and activity
- Personal delinquency taxes are continuing to be collected
- Review of investments

New Business –

- Cemetery Mowing/Maintenance Contract – Lyle and Sharon Jackson have decided not to continue their annual contract with the township for mowing of the Saranac Cemetery and South Boston Cemetery for the coming season. Clerk Spoelstra prepared proposed Requests for Proposal (“RFP”) for bidding the project out. After board discussion, an RFP was approved for distribution. This bidding opportunity will be announced in this evening’s Meeting Summary which will be posted in the Ionia County Shoppers Guide on March 13. RFP applications will be available at the township hall beginning tomorrow, March 11, 2010.

Timeline for the RFP:

March 11 – RFP Distributed

April 5 – Proposals Due

April 14 – Proposals opened and reviewed

Week of April 18 – Work to begin

- 2010-2011 Contracts
  1. Hall Cleaning will be contracted by Rhonda Wolbers.
  2. Township road mowing will be contracted by Lawrence Heiler
  3. Cemetery Computer Program Annual Maintenance Agreement was approved.

• 2010-2011 Township Budget

Millage rate is .7681. Supervisor Dunton initiated discussion regarding proposed road projects. The Ionia County Road Commission will be asked to come to April board meeting to review the proposed projects.

Motion to approve Resolution 10-02 to Approve the Annual Township Budget for 2010-2011 was brought by Perry and supported by Stuck. Roll call vote: Lamphere (yes); Perry (yes); Stuck (yes); Spoelstra (yes); Olson (yes), Dunton (yes). Absent: Harvey. All ayes. Passed.

• 2010-2011 Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Dunton and supported by Perry to approve Boston Township Board's meeting dates as second Wednesday of each month from April 2010 – March 2011. All ayes. Passed.

Supervisor's Notes

- Dunton presented an issue related to an unrecorded land contract that arose at the Board of Review in March. The Board of Review voted to keep the property uncapped 2 to 1. The owners of the property will most likely go to the tribunal to seek to have the decision overturned.
- Terry Eickhoff had a serious stroke. A request for poverty exemption has been made. No clear definition for this case (no income, no tax return for the income and asset test). Status of the finances of joint owner brother will be determined by review of statute.

Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, April 14, 2009, at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes submitted by

Lori Spoelstra  
Boston Township Clerk

*Lori Spoelstra  
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