

Boston Township Board Meeting Minutes  
**May 13, 2009**

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

Agenda Approval – Motion by Perry to approve the Agenda. Supported by Lamphere. All ayes. Passed.

Consent Agenda Approval –

- May bills payable – Checks 15565-15602 for a total amount of \$39,873.53
- April board meeting minutes were reviewed.

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

Clerk's Reports

- School Election May 5, 2009 – Total cost this year to last year was savings of \$1,245.94. We had over a 6% voter turnout which was highest in county
- Website - Spoelstra will provide a scope of work to be performed, based on the list that Harvey provided. Scope will be emailed to board members for their input prior to issuing a Request for Proposal.
- A lectern was proposed by Spoelstra for use by speakers to the board. Dunton advise Spoelstra to look into this further and get back to the board.
- Memorial Day Program Events have been issued to the Shoppers Guide and Buyers Guide for publication on May 16 and 23, 2009

Treasurer's Report

- Delinquent personal property taxes are continuing to come in.
- Delinquent real property is going to the County Treasurer
- Investment reports were discussed. Lamphere will be looking into a new investment for money markets with a higher rate of interest than is currently being obtained.

New Business

- Ionia County Road Commission – Annual Report – The following members of the Ionia County Road Commission were present: Fred Chapman, Scott Peterson, Wayne Schoonover, Earl Strater, and Dorothy Pohl. Ms. Pohl presented the Road Funding Report with Wayne Schoonover presenting some of the future proposed projects.

Highlights of Report:

- \* ICRC took in \$8.8 million and spent \$8.7 million
- \* \$1.2 million (13%) came from townships
- \* 2008 federal projects included, 11 miles of 2" overlay; Morrison Lake and Grand River; guard rails

\* Future proposed projects for 2009-2012 include Jefferson/Parmeter; Grand River to Nash; bridge replacements

- Todd Jaranowski, Ionia County Sanitarian – County Sanitary Code – Presented Rules of Sanitary Code effective as of April 10, 2009.

#### Supervisor's Notes:

- In the case of another local township whose legal fees were greatly increased because of corporate tax disputes, it was brought up by Dunton that the 1% administrative fees proposed by each township could be used to help pay for legal fees such as this.
- 8700 Bluewater Hwy. property is up for tax sale. The auction is July 21.
- Judy Emmons, former State Representative and current candidate for Secretary of State, will be the guest speaker at this year's Memorial Day program.
- Item on attorney bill was discussed as to which account to allocate the cost to – escrow or general services. It was agreed that this item will be listed as a general services item.
- Letter from County Community Development was received by Dunton regarding correcting road naming and addressing. Dunton will be working with this department on this matter.
- There are two potential new Special Assessment Districts beginning. Hawks Landing and Dausman Park. Spoelstra is awaiting escrow checks as well as the signed, notarized petitions. Spoelstra will call Dunton when they arrive. A proposed Public Hearing in July may be held for residents of those communities.
- Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at 7 p.m.

#### Citizens Comments

- Resident Rachell VanVeelen was present with two of her neighbors to give a commendation to the board on the good work that was done last year on a portion of Ware Road with the limestone application. They would like to see more limestone placed on Ware Road.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Lori Spoelstra  
Boston Township Clerk