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Boston Township Board Meeting Minutes  
**November 11, 2009**

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

Agenda Approval – A motion was made by Lamphere approve the Agenda with the addition of cemetery tree work. Supported by Perry. All ayes. Passed.

Consent Agenda Approval –

- November bills payable – Checks 15766-15799 for a total amount of \$24,998.94.
- October board meeting minutes were reviewed.

A motion was made by Perry to approve Consent Agenda. Supported by Harvey. All ayes. Passed.

Clerk's Reports

- Website should be going live in a week or two. The address will be [www.bostontwp.org](http://www.bostontwp.org)
- MTA 2010 Conference – January 27-29, 2009
- Boston Township Newsletter for 2009 was written by Dunton and will be put in with winter tax statements to save on postage. This newsletter will also be posted on the website. 200 extra copies were printed for distribution to residents.

Treasurer's Report

- New accounts for special assessment districts were noted in the account details provided to the board.
- Summer taxes continue to be paid
- In addition to the newsletter being put in the winter tax bill, 200 additional have been printed for distribution to the township residents.

New Business

Supervisor Dunton called for a closed session of the board to consider Township attorney opinions regarding a personnel matter and regarding an ordinance enforcement policy issue. Roll call vote: Harvey (yes), Perry (yes), Olson (yes), Spoelstra (yes), Stuck (yes), Lamphere (yes), Dunton (yes). Yes (7), No (0). Motion passed.

**(Closed Session)**

Regular meeting of Boston Township was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. and recommenced at 8:35 p.m.

**(Open Session)**

- Proposed resolution for special assessment districts – Tabled to the December meeting
- Signage on Morrison Lake Road at the public access – Currently there are signs along Morrison Lake Road “No Parking – Tow Away Zone.” The vehicle must be impeding traffic in order for it to be towed away and is rarely done. Harvey brings the matter to the board requesting that the township instruct the Ionia County Road Commission to change these signs to “No Parking.” This would give the township law enforcement officers an avenue to cite any violators. Dunton will talk with the ICRC.

- Critique of Dausman Park SAD construction issues – It has been brought to the attention of Supervisor Dunton that there alleges to be a problem a the Dausman Park special assessment district with the quality of work performed in the re-pavement of the road.

Residents of the district were present and listed several areas of concern to the board. John Moxey, the engineer for the project, was present and provided response for the residents' concerns. Trustee Perry volunteered to drive out to the project and take a look.

- Approve escrow provisions of cell tower ordinance and the site condominium ordinance – This ordinance provides provisions for collecting escrow monies. Copies of the proposed ordinances were provided to the board for review, and an explanation of the ordinance was provided by Attorney Mark VanAllsburg.

Dunton moved to pass Ordinance 09-12 and Ordinance 09-13, by including verbiage to include escrow provisions. Supported by Lamphere. Roll call vote: Lamphere (yes), Perry (y), Olson (yes), Stuck (yes), Harvey (yes), Spoelstra (yes), Dunton (yes). Yes (7), No (0). Motion passed.

- Cemetery Tree Work – Lamphere shared that Allens Tree Service will be in town for just two weeks near Thanksgiving and proposed that the township have some necessary tree maintenance at the cemetery performed.

Stuck moved for Billie Jo Allen of Allens Tree Service perform maintenance work at the cemetery not to exceed \$500. Supported by Lamphere. All ayes. Motion passed.

#### Supervisor's Notes:

- Township blight issue. A citation was issued and the parties held an informal hearing with the Magistrate. Deputy Brinks represented the township. The violator's wife was in attendance for the hearing. The Magistrate found the parties "responsible" but with no fines and costs. Additional contacts will be made to encourage compliance and if not, a formal hearing will be requested.

#### Citizens Comments:

- Comments were heard from citizens supporting Harvey's request to change the signage at Morrison Lake from "No Parking –Tow Away" to "No Parking."
- Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:02 p.m.  
Minutes submitted by  
Lori Spoelstra, Boston Township Clerk

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