

BOSTON TOWNSHIP
Minutes of Board Meeting
June 11, 2014

Call to Order:

Members Present: Ziesman, Dunton, Van Prooyen, Olson, Sitzer, and Stuck

Absent: Lamphere

Guests: Larry Tiejema, Sheriff Dale Miller

Citizens' Comments: Sheriff Dale Miller commented on the insurance coverage of the township board members. Also Sheriff Miller mentioned that cleaning crews are available to the Township if the Township would need any additional assistance in any cleaning efforts.

Commissioner Larry Tiejema presented a rundown of actions going on in the County of Ionia.

Agenda Approval: Moved by Ziesman to approve the agenda, seconded by Olson Passed: Yes-6, No-0.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- June bills payable – Checks 17742 – 17766 for a total amount of \$26,672.07. Minutes from May 14, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Sitzer made motion to accept, seconded by Ziesman. Passed Yes-6, No-0

Clerks' Report:

Clerk mentioned that the elections are gearing up for the August Primary and November General Elections already. Absentee applications are being sent out and training is set for July 9th, 2014. Web-site is near ready to be launched, clerk hopes to have it done in the next month.

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed Account Balances
- Treasurer left a report for the board in her absence covering the accounts, cemetery tree removal progress, removal of the dormant account fee at United bank was reversed, that Kerri Shaler her Deputy clerk will be in at 7:30pm to sign approved checks and she also asked the boards consideration of removing a hydrant in the Garden of Memories section of the cemetery as it is too close to a headstone. Olson made a motion that we remove by capping the end of the run at that point, Stuck seconded the motion, passed: Yes-6, No-0

New Business:

- Junkyard license renewals for Rob Lombardo and Prestige Imports were presented. Van Prooyen made a motion to accept the applications, seconded by Ziesman and passed: Yes-6, No-0.

- Township received a request to allow a mobile home to be placed on a piece of property while a home on same property is being renovated, with the understanding that the mobile home would be removed when the house is completed or made livable. The township board added to “Ordinance 98-2” with the insertion of Ordinance No. 14-02 which amends the Ordinance Permitting Division of Recorded Plats and Regulating the Number of Dwellings to be Located on Platted and Unplatted Lands. The provisions of the amending ordinance can be summarized as follows:
- **Definition of Dwelling.** Section 4 of Boston Township Ordinance No. 98-2, as amended (“Ordinance No. 98-2”), has been amended to revise the definition of “Dwelling,” clarifying that certain residential buildings shall be considered dwellings even if unoccupied.

This amendment was adopted and passed by roll-call vote: Stuck=yes, Ziesman=yes, Olson=yes, Dunton=yes, Sitzer=yes, Van Prooyen=yes. Lamphere was absent.

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

Supervisor Dunton asked the board if a 30-day notice on the Clack/Cusack property because of the trash that was uncovered when the trailer was removed. Board decided to let Officer Brinks use his discretion on who needs to be given notice to in accordance with the Blight Ordinance.

Representative Engineer Paul Stitzley from the Ionia County Road Commission was present to give the board an explanation of the Millage Proposal on the Primary Election ballot asking for an additional million and how that would be used. He also mentioned that all money would stay in and be used on the Ionia County Highways, Roads, Streets and Bridges.

Supervisor’s Notes:

Supervisor Dunton got a call from a resident on Riverside Dr. that has a neighbor that is there in the summer only and a blight problem exists.

Citizen’s Comments:

Officer Brinks to the Board he would be holding a free Boaters Safety Class at the Saranac Fire Department on June 21st for those 12 years of age and older from 9:00am-3:00pm with lunch being provided by the Morrison Lake , Lake Association.

- Meeting Adjourned at 9:27p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Van Prooyen - Clerk

