

**BOSTON TOWNSHIP**  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
May 14, 2014

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Clerk Van Prooyen at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ziesman (arrived at 7:20pm), Van Prooyen, Olson, Sitzer, Lamphere, and Stuck

Absent: Dunton

Trustee Ken Olson was asked to lead the meeting in the Supervisor's absence, board agreed: 4-0

Guests: Marsha Henschke, Carl Cornils, Myrta Pierce Palmer, John Leutz, Ken Gasper from the Ionia County Road Commission

Citizens' Comments: Ken Gasper of the Ionia County Road Commission addressed the board announcing that Ionia County has been listed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> for Counties with the worst road conditions. He explained the proposal for an additional mil that will be on the ballot in August. Marsha Henschke said that Kurt and Lou Ann Kaeb would be happy to assist in writing something up for the new web site on the history of Boston Township.

Agenda Approval: Moved by Sitzer to approve the agenda, seconded by Stuck Passed: Yes-5, No-0.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- May bills payable – Checks 17713 – 17739 for a total amount of \$27,698.05. Minutes from April 9, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Stuck made motion to accept, seconded by Sitzer. Passed Yes-6, No-0

Clerks' Report:

Clerk asked the board if they filled out a biography and announced she would be taking pictures after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed Account Balances
- Treasurer Lamphere asked if the board would be interested in a piece of property that was up for sale for past taxes. Board was not interested.
- Lamphere stated that United Bank wanted to charge a \$5.00 monthly fee on a stagnant account held by them. United Bank agreed to wave this charge.

New Business:

- Trustee Olson reported that the Memorial Day Program was coming together and everything was in place for the May 26, 2014 Program. Eric Calley, Gulf War Veteran will be this year's speaker. Added to the program will be the reading of "Taps" by Earl Benedict, 180<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Army.

- A motion was made by Stuck for the tree removal up at the cemetery as reviewed to accept the proposal from Allen's Painting and Tree Removal including the extra's in the amount of \$4975.00, seconded by Ziesman. Passed: Yes-6, No-0
- Lamphere made a motion to have Kronewitter do the yearly mechanical maintenance, Ziesman seconded, passed: Yes-6, No-0.
- Sitzer mentioned that the MTA offers scholarships for the youth looking at a career in local government and whether we could possibly add the link [townships.org/scholarships.asp](http://townships.org/scholarships.asp) to the new web-site.

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

Alan Werdon coordinated efforts with Sheriff's Department during clean-up at 8329 Nash Hwy. Homeowner became a little irate with him where the Sheriff's Department had to step in. All that remains is the frame of the trailer and payment will be released when finished.

Supervisor's Notes:

Citizen's Comments:

John Leutz asked if the pine tree near his grand-daughters grave was one slotted to be removed and he was assured that it was not one of the trees being removed.

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Van Prooyen - Clerk