

BOSTON TOWNSHIP
Minutes of Board Meeting
September 14, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Sitzer, Dunton, Ziesman, Stuck, Lamphere and Olson

Absent: Van Prooyen

Guests: Township Attorney Mark Van Allsburg, Mike Lamphere, Steve Wagner, Robert Brown (FFMRVRT), Lowell Swift, Yvonne Swift, Jacob Swift, Amanda Trahan, Adam Trahan, Duane Raymond, Karl Forell, Randy Miller, and Mark Fritsma (FFMRVRT)

Citizen Comments: Mike Lamphere stated that he is giving up the contract for snow shoveling and lawn services at the township hall, as he will become a Trustee November 20th and wants no conflict of interest. If no one is contracted before 1st snow he will continue until December 31, 2016, with board approval.

Agenda Approval: Sitzer moved to approve agenda, 2nd by Lamphere. Passed: Yes-6, No-0

Consent Agenda Approval:

- September Bills Payable with checks 18579 – 18610, an error correction, and an ACH to the IRS for a total amount of \$91,370.48. August 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes with a correction made. Sitzer moved to approve, 2nd by Dunton. Passed: Yes-6, No-0

Clerk's Report: P&L Budget vs. Actual provided for the Board's review in her absence.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer is combining escrow accounts with assistance from CPA Wohlberg.

New Business:

- Blundy – Raymond plat split of adjoining lot. Ziesman moved, 2nd by Lamphere to approve as outlined. Passed: Yes-6 No-0
- Wolbers-Possehn snow removal with shoveling of sidewalks and salting option was reviewed. Lamphere suggested that we ask for other bids in a box ad in the Shoppers Guide. Olson moved that we place an ad in the Shoppers Guide stating that we are soliciting bids for snow removal from our parking lot, front parking, and sidewalks, with salting as necessary. 2nd by Lamphere.

Recess Regular Meeting and Convene Public Hearing at 7:34 PM

- Last month, residents of Ivan Road expressed concern about the addition of a 3rd driveway to an established easement. We are meeting tonight to try to further resolve this issue.
- Twp. Atty. Mark Van Allsburg presented the legal framework of the issue, explaining that the easement is recorded and legally accessible. The variance would allow access without township interference.
- Resident Stephanie Catalono stated that she is a 20 year resident who has put money into the easement.
- Adam Trahan and others stated that they felt that the easement isn't necessary or proper, as Mr.

Wagner has the option of cutting trees and creating Ivan Road access.

Public Hearing Closed and Regular Meeting Reconvened at 8:30 PM

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Olson moved that Resolution 16-5 be approved, 2nd by Sitzer, Roll Call vote: Ziesman – No, Stuck – No, Lamphere – Yes, Sitzer – Yes, Olson – Yes, Dunton – Yes, Van Prooyen – Absent. Passed Yes-4 No-2. This will allow Steven Wagner to receive the necessary variance of Resolution 00-01 to access the easement as a 3rd parcel.
- Lowell Swift private road proposal. Mr. Swift provided a survey of the driveway and adjoining parcels. We advised Mr. Swift to attempt to get a road name from the Ionia County Road Commission and if unsuccessful to return and request board action.

Supervisor's Notes:

Citizen Comments

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Olson - Trustee