

BOSTON TOWNSHIP
Minutes of Board Meeting
December 10, 2014

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dunton at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dunton, Ziesman, Van Prooyen, Olson (7:05pm), Sitzer, Lamphere, Stuck

Absent:

Guests: Officer Brinks

Citizens' Comments:

Agenda Approval: Moved by Lamphere to approve the agenda with the deletion of the Flag Light from Supervisor's Notes, seconded by Ziesman Passed: Yes-6, No-0.

Olson joined meeting at 7:05pm

Consent Agenda Approval:

December bills payable – Checks 17950 – 17978 for a total amount of \$31,776.71. Minutes from November 12, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Sitzer made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Olson. Passed Yes-7, No-0

Clerks' Report:

Clerk brought to the board that the MTA would like us to consider supporting the HB 5477 bill which will provide funds for our roads. Board has no opinion or interest to support this bill at this time

Treasurer's Report:

Reviewed Account Balances. Treasurer mentioned that investments are being moved and will be invested in CD's locally. Also, mentioned a reminder that the check needs to be sent in for MTA conference and that the Community Club has found a meeting place at the Fire Barn.

New Business:

Board of Review Appointments has been renewed with existing members. Motion made by Stuck, seconded by Ziesman, Passed: Yes-7, No-0

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

Final judgment on the Clack Ordinance Violation has been entered into court. Board asked if these additional legal fees will be retrievable.

Attorney Leisman reported that the blight ordinance violation on M-21 (Barnes) has been given, by the courts, a January 19, 2015 date to get all the property cleaned up or a solid fence erected to satisfy the Ordinance Violation.

Board discussed the incident of two dwellings on one and what can be done to satisfy all parties. Two suggestions were offer a variance or suggest residence be bulldozed. Variance includes making a private road to be maintained by residents. Stuck made a motion to offer the variance for the Rowland residency with the contingency that the Title Company cut Boston Township a check for \$1500.00 to be put into an escrow account.

Board talked about how this is becoming more common with the Ionia County Building Dept. by issuing permits for properties that fall outside of the Ordinances that have been put into place. Suggestion was made that in order to issue a permit the County must get the approval by Boston Township that the request meets all requirements. Supervisor has the blessing of the board to make those decisions and will bring to the board's attention any irregular requests for decision before a permit is issued.

Supervisor's Notes

Citizen's Comments:

Officer Brink's brought a report on the two intersections on Darby road that have been under consideration of improvement for safety. The accident reports do not indicate a problem with those two intersections. Board will decide whether to proceed or abort the idea of improvement. Officer Brinks also brought the Board up to date on other Ordinance Violations going on in the Township.

Trustee Sitzer mentioned that at the last Ionia County Township Officers Association Meeting that it was mentioned that Ionia County received a grant of \$275,000.00 for the rebuilding of Whites Bridge. Ionia County hopes to have the bridge back in place by 2017.

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Van Prooyen - Clerk