

BOSTON TOWNSHIP

Minutes of Board Meeting – May 12, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Supervisor Dunton announced that the Board needed to establish the effective time of day of Clerk Spoelstra's resignation and to administer the Oath of Office to the newly appointed clerk. Dunton moved to accept 7:05 p.m., May 12, 2010, as the time of day for Clerk Spoelstra's resignation to be effective, supported by Lamphere, and passed by unanimous vote. Stuck moved to appoint Jean Chastain to the position of Boston Township Clerk to be effective today at 7:05 p.m., supported by Lamphere, and passed by unanimous vote. Dunton then administered the Oath of Office.

Members Present: Dunton, Harvey, Lamphere, Olson, Perry, Stuck, Chastain

Citizens Comments:

- Larry Tiejema, Ionia County Commission reported on budget deficits, 911 cable connections, Animal Shelter bids, and the Rail-to-Trail project.
- Hamid Khorrani reported on Prestige Import's progress in moving and crushing cars.
- Mike Bremer introduced himself as a candidate for State Representative to fill the seat vacated by Brian Calley.
- Paul Spoelstra read a letter from Janice Renwick, who was unable to attend the meeting. The letter complimented Lori Spoelstra for the services provided to the board and township during her tenure as Clerk.

Agenda Approval: Motion by Perry, seconded by Stuck, to approve the May 12, 2010 agenda.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- May bills payable – Checks 15989-16020 for a total amount of \$18,902.83.
- April 14, 2010 board meeting minutes were reviewed.
- May 6, 2010 interview minutes were reviewed.

Lamphere noted that Check No. 16021 was written for Lamphere Lawn Care and asked that it be added to the bills payable list. She also noted that a check should be issued to Geoff Emelander for cemetery mowing. Stuck moved, seconded by Lamphere, to issue a check to Geoff for the approved bid amount for April cleanup and mowing. All ayes. Passed.

Clerk's Report:

- May school election results are included in packets. Total charge for each school (Saranac & Lowell) is \$597.33.

Newly appointed Clerk, Jean Chastain, thanked the board for her appointment and looks forward to working with the board in the future.

Treasurer's Report:

- American Rentals agreed to match the bid of \$65 received from Kerkstra for port-a-potty placement at the cemetery. Harvey moved, supported by Perry, to place a port-a-potty at the cemetery for one month. All ayes. Passed.
- Antivirus software has expired and will be checking for new provider.
- Reported problem with delinquent property tax collection. She asked Board to consider possibility of attorney sending a letter to those with delinquent taxes. Dunton will discuss possibilities with township attorney.
- Regarding Ionia County Road Commission contract for crack/seal pavement on Jackson Road from David Hwy to Riverside Dr., Treasurer contacted Lacks Industries and was informed that Adac Plastics

now owns the plant on Riverside Dr. Adac agreed to pay \$500 upon receipt of actual bill. Township would be responsible for \$1,500. Dunton moved to accept the contribution, supported by Olson. All ayes. Passed.

- Letter from Nancy Hickey was read regarding P.R.E. denial delinquencies. The return of 20% of interest paid by taxpayer for claiming P.R.E. but not eligible goes to local unit.
- BS&A software assessment. Motion by Lamphere, supported by Stuck, to purchase the programs for tax and assessing by taking the advance of 0% interest offered for two years. All ayes. Passed. Lamphere will inquire as to what services are covered in support fee.

New Business:

- Hamm-Screening Proposal – Alex Hamm, Matt Ferguson, and Brewster Hamm questioned board about definitions in Anti-Blight Ordinance. All agreed to meet with the board next month to present plan for construction and installation of fence within 90 days from date of approval.
- Contract from Road Commission – Portland Road Bridge Project Contribution – Board discussed cost and method of contribution payment. Stuck moved, supported by Dunton, to pay \$14,000 this year from General Fund and \$60,000 to be paid next year from the Improvement Revolving Fund. All ayes. Passed.
- Local Bridge Program Grant Proposal Candidates – Motion by Perry, supported by Olson, to approve application for a grant for resurfacing the deck of the bridge on Peck Lake Road over Lake Creek. All ayes. Passed.
- Clarksville-Morrison Lake Sewer Authority - Stuck moved, supported by Perry, to accept changes to Articles of Incorporation of the Clarksville-Morrison Lake Sewer Authority. All ayes. Passed.
- Junkyard License Review-Prestige Imports and Lombardo – Motion by Dunton, supported by Olson, to approve the license applications of Prestige Imports and Lombardo. All ayes. Passed.
- Office Copy Machine - Stuck moved, supported by Olson, for Treasurer and Clerk to obtain quotes and to purchase a copier for Township Hall not to exceed \$700. All ayes. Passed.
- CD Drive – Harvey noted that the Clerk’s CD drive needs to be replaced and that he will purchase and install the drive.

Supervisor’s Notes:

- Memorial Day program arrangements are complete with exception of acquiring a PA system.
- Hillside Estates certified letter was inadvertently sent to wrong address and return card has not yet been received. Post office will resend today.
- Met with Jon Moxey, together with Joe Stuck and several residents, regarding Dausman Park SAD to discuss installation for drainage to lake. Proposal was to install 18” pipe from a drop inlet to lake. Owner’s suggestion was to install surface drainage instead. Moxey will design plans.

Citizens Comments:

- Alex Hamm thanked the board for assistance in fence project.
- Paul Spoelstra thanked the board on behalf of family for giving Lori the opportunity to serve as Clerk.

Next board meeting will be Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Chastain
Boston Township Clerk