

Boston Township Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dunton at 7 p.m. with the following members present: Stuck, Lamphere, Spoelstra, Dunton, Perry, Olson. Absent Harvey.

Agenda Approval – Motion by Dunton to approve the Agenda, with the additions of Rep. Brian Calley and Carolyn Kane of Rails to Trails, and to move the additional agenda items to be heard prior to the Consent Agenda. Supported by Perry. All ayes. Passed.

New Business

- State Representative Brian Calley was present to share with the board the current activities in the State Capital. Questions by the board were answered by Rep. Calley.
- West Michigan Rails to Trails – Carolyn Kane was present along with Mark Fritsma and Mark Howe to ask for the township's support of this initiative through Boston Township. A map was presented and questions were answered. A proposed letter of support was provided to the board.

A motion was offered by Stuck to accept the letter of support to West Michigan Rails to Trails with wording added to the last sentence of the proposed support letter of "as is" feasible to Boston Township. Olson supported. All ayes. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda Approval –

- April bills payable – Checks 15536-15564 for a total amount of \$59,446.31
- March Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Dunton moved to approve Consent Agenda, supported by Perry. All ayes. Passed.

Clerk's Reports

- School Election May 5, consolidated precincts to one. Absentee ballots will begin going out next week.
- Website - Spoelstra will provide a scope of work to be performed, based on the list that Harvey provided. Scope will be emailed to board members for their input prior to issuing a Request for Proposal.

Treasurer's Report

- A check from the county for delinquent taxes was received today.
- Account reports were reviewed.

New Business –

- Ionia County Road Commission 2009 gravel agreement
Review and discussion of the proposed 2009 gravel agreement. Olson moved to accept the 2009 gravel agreement as proposed. Supported by Perry. All ayes. Passed.

- Cemetery maintenance contract renewal - 2009

Discussion took place on what the current contract specifically includes. A note from Sexton Lyle Jackson was distributed and read outlining what he feels the contract includes. The board discussed whether spring and fall clean up would be considered maintenance of the grounds and, therefore, would be included in the contract price. It was agreed by the board that the contract states in Paragraph 3, Item 1: "Complete maintenance of lawn and grounds at the cemetery," and should include spring and fall clean up in the contracted price.

Olson moved to accept the cemetery maintenance contract renewal for 2009 as stated. Supported by Stuck. All ayes. Passed.

Supervisor's Notes:

- Fire Department update
- Boston Township Board has asked to levy a millage rate of 1.0059 for township operations. This request has been forwarded to the County Tax Allocation Board.
- Proposal of Life EMS stationed at the ICRC on the corner of Jordan Lake Road and Grand River.
- Road tour of the ICRC will be taken on April 22, 2009, at 9 a.m. Meet at the township hall.
- Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Lori Spoelstra
Boston Township Clerk

