

Boston Township Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2009

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

Citizens Comments:

Gordon and Ethan Priest were present to provide an update on final inspection on Dave Mackey Memorial Cemetery Platform as well as present the township with \$90 in charitable contributions collected from the community toward this project.

Agenda Approval – Motion by Harvey to approve the Agenda. Supported by Lamphere. All ayes. Passed.

Consent Agenda Approval –

- June bills payable – Checks 15603-15632 for a total amount of \$30,390.84.
- May board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Harvey moved to approve Consent Agenda, with the exception of holding check #15632 until further verification. Supported by Perry. All ayes. Passed.

Clerk's Reports

- Spoelstra thanked Treasurer Lamphere for her assistance in preparing for the Memorial Day program due to Clerk's illness the weekend prior to the event.
- Depreciated and unusable electronics from the township hall have been recycled in a sustainable manner through the Electronic Recycling Program through Ionia County, which took place Saturday, June 6 at Schied Park.
- Electric circuit should be looked at to see if an upgrade is possible along the east wall of the township hall.

Treasurer's Report

- Account reports were provided and reviewed
- Some of our investment money has been transferred to various CDs yielding a higher rate of interest.
- Notes redeemed on May 5, 2009, have been invested into individual CDs yielding variable rates of 3.1 – 3.75%.
- New CDs will have dates spread out
- Hoping to have the township website up and running for the October deadline to get a notice in with the winter tax bills.
- Fall clean up in September/October was discussed

New Business

- Boston Meadows II final site plan review -- Final site plans were reviewed by board members together with correspondence from township attorney.

Dunton moved to adopt Resolution 09-01, subject to consultation with township engineers. Supported by Stuck. Roll call vote: Lamphere (aye), Olson (aye), Perry (aye), Spoelstra (aye), Harvey (aye), Stuck (aye), Dunton (aye). All ayes. Passed.

- Review petitions filed to create special assessment for Hawks Landing -- PA 188 gives authority for municipalities to create a special assessment district within their jurisdiction. It is the intention of the Boston Township Board to be certain that there is overwhelming support on the part of the proposed district before continuing with any work. Supervisor Dunton thoroughly explained to the community and board the procedure on creating a special assessment district.

This proposed project would entail paving of a private road, Hawks Landing.

Petitions were circulated, filed with the clerk, and parcels were checked by supervisor with almost 100% homeowner support. The proposed district would comprise of 21-22 parcels, with the assessment being split on a per-parcel basis. Estimates on this project include approximately \$6,000 in engineering costs and \$120,000 in construction costs. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for July 8, 2009, at the township hall as part of the township's regular monthly meeting.

- Review petitions filed to create special assessment for Dausman Park --

This proposed project would entail re-paving of a portion of Dausman Park.

Petitions were circulated, filed with the clerk, and parcels were checked by supervisor with approximately 99% homeowner support. The proposed district would comprise of 42 parcels, with the assessment being split on a per-parcel basis. Estimates on this project (including legal, engineering, and construction costs) would fall near \$120,000. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for July 8, 2009, at the township hall as part of the township's regular monthly meeting.

Stuck moved to accept the Hawks Landing and Dausman Park special assessment petitions as having sufficient number of participants, and project costs being sufficient to move to the next step in assessment order. Supported by Harvey. All ayes. Passed.

- Memorial Day program critique – Memorial Day 2009 events were discussed. Treasurer Lamphere took pictures at the program, created a photo collage, and laminated it. This collage will be hung in the township hall offices for public viewing. Note: Jean Mackey was also given a Memorial Day poster collage on behalf of Dave and township.

A letter of thanks, along with duplicate photographs provided by Lamphere, was sent to Ms. Judy Emmons by Supervisor Dunton.

Decorative flag swags were provided by the Saranac Historical Society for the use on the platform.

- Township website request for proposal discussion -- Clerk Spoelstra has prepared a scope of work and Request for Proposal ("RFP"). This RFP will be posted in The Ionia County Shopper's Guide, with copies in the hall available for pick up or emailed to requesting bidders. Deadline for proposals will be July 1, 2009.

- Dell service warranty extension -- Treasurer Lamphere's computer warranty will be expiring soon (July '09). Harvey moved to purchase a three (3) year extended warranty on this equipment in the amount of \$227. Supported by Lamphere. All ayes. Passed.
- Veteran flag holders – cemetery -- Lamphere moved to purchase 50 more flag holders for U.S. Veterans for future Memorial Day observances. Harvey supported. All ayes. Passed.
- Junkyard License Renewal – Lombardo – License application and \$25 fee has been received by clerk from Robin Lombardo d/b/a Lombardo Junkyard. Dunton moved to renew the junkyard license for Lombardo Junkyard for one (1) year, expiring June 10, 2010. Supported by Harvey. All ayes. Approved.
- Application for Fireworks Display Permit – Bergy – Application has been received by clerk for proposed fireworks to be shot off by Tom Bergy on Hastings Road. Permit by Boston Township is required. Harvey moved to accept Bergy's application and supply a permit for the private fireworks display on July 4, 2009. Supported by Stuck. All ayes. Approved.

Supervisor's Notes:

- Supervisor Dunton brought up for discussion a proposed bridge project by the Ionia County Road Commission on Portland Road over Lake Creek. Clarification on the board's recollection on approving or disapproving this project was discussed.
- Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Lori Spoelstra
Boston Township Clerk