

Boston Township Board Meeting Minutes  
**September 9, 2009**

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

Citizen Comments –

- Gordon and Ethan Priest were present to report that as of 09/08/09 Ethan is an official Eagle Scout. Also to report that the electrical work at the cemetery for the Memorial Day platform has been completed. There are extra materials in the storage building – extra spindles, paint, etc. should those be necessary for repairs in the future.
- Michael Callton – Nashville. Candidate running in 2010 to replace Brian Calley’s anticipated vacancy as State Representative.

Agenda Approval – A motion was made by Harvey to approve the Agenda. Supported by Lamphere. All ayes. Passed.

Consent Agenda Approval –

- September bills payable – Checks 15703-15735 for a total amount of \$24,176.75.
- August board meeting minutes were reviewed.

A motion was made by Perry to approve Consent Agenda. Supported by Harvey. All ayes. Passed.

Clerk’s Reports

- Cemetery stone cleaning was done by Saranac High School Student Council.
- Spoelstra met with Michigan Municipal League agent to discuss workers compensation policy for the township.

Treasurer’s Report

- Summer taxes are due on Monday, September 14, 2009
- Township clean-up day will be October 10, 2009 (8 a.m. to 12 noon) The Township will not accept items that can be hazardous to human health and the environment.

New Business

- *Award bid for financing for Hawks Landing and Dausman Park special assessment districts.*

Attorney Mark Nettleton provided a verbal road map on the steps the Township had taken with the project to date, what was to be considered by the Board tonight, and the next steps in the project. The Board had to consider the award of the sale of the special assessment bonds for the Dausman and Hawks Landing road projects.

Nettleton informed the Board that bond specifications were prepared and sent to local banks to finance the road improvement project for the two districts. Only one bid was received (United Bank). Nettleton noted that one bank requested the Township to consider issuing “Build America Bonds” instead of special assessment bonds. Nettleton noted that the Build America Bonds are a new type of taxable bond that can be issued by state and local governments, but that because the project is on a fast schedule, the Build America Bonds were not considered. The special assessment bonds will be issued by the Township to provide the

Township with the necessary “up front” money to undertake the road projects; the special assessment levied on the properties in the districts will provide the revenue stream to the Township to repay the bonds.

Mr. Nettleton made the board aware of a potential conflict as United Bank is also a client of Mika Meyers Beckett and Jones. Mr. Nettleton explained the potential conflict. The firm will not be providing legal services to the bank on this bond issue. The bond authorizing resolution authorizes the issuance of the bonds, awards the sale of the bonds, and waives the conflict.

United Bank was the only bid received for these two projects with an average interest rate over 10 years of 2.45%. (20-year general obligation bond index was at 4.25% for the prior week.)

Motion was made by Stuck and supported by Harvey to pass Resolution 09-09 – Resolution to Authorize Issuance of Special Assessment Bonds, Award Sale of the Bonds, and Other Matters Related Thereto. Lamphere (yes), Perry (yes), Stuck (yes), Spoelstra (yes), Harvey (yes), Olson (yes), Dunton (yes). 7 yes, 0 no. Motion Passed.

Re-examine penalty clauses on ordinances

- The board discussed increasing civil infraction penalties from \$100 to \$500. Ordinances affected by this change would be civil infractions only, and are listed as follows:
  - Junkyard License (02-09)
  - Regulating Division of Recorded Plats and the Number of Dwellings to be Located on Platted and Unplatted Lands (98-02)
  - Anti-Blight (98-03)
  - Shoreline Protection (99-01)
  - Land Division (99-02)
  - Private Road (00-01)
  - Antenna and Tower Co-Location Ordinance
  - Condominium (01-02)
  - Outdoor Assembly (05-01)

Harvey moved to adopt the following Ordinances to Amend:

09-03 - Junkyard License (02-09)

09-04 - Regulating Division of Recorded Plats and the Number of Dwellings to be Located on Platted and Unplatted Lands (98-02)

09-05 - Anti-Blight (98-03)

09-06- Shoreline Protection (99-01)

09-07 - Land Division (99-02)

09-08 - Private Road (00-01)

09-10 - Antenna and Tower Co-Location Ordinance

09-11 - Condominium (01-02)

09-12 - Outdoor Assembly (05-01) with suggested language from attorney to increase the civil infraction penalty to \$500 for the first incident and escalating to between \$1,000 and \$2,500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense.

Olson supported. Roll call vote: Perry (yes), Olson (yes), Stuck (yes), Harvey (yes), Lamphere (yes), Spoelstra (yes), Dunton (yes). 7 (yes), 0 (no). All ayes. Passed.

Disorderly conduct ordinance remains a misdemeanor.

- Electrical upgrade for township hall

The board received two bids for 10 new receptacles in the hall to accommodate food service needs of hall renters.

Stuck made a motion to accept Clorwell Electrical's bid with revisions to eliminate the receptacle in the kitchen on the east side of the kitchen service window. Motion supported by Spoelstra. All ayes. Passed.

Supervisor's Notes:

- Dunton brought to the board's attention a new movement to decrease the speed limit on gravel roads from 55 mph to 45 mph.
- Hall Rental Agreement needs to include wording to ensure that the hall is set up in meeting format at the end of rental period before deposit check is returned. Lamphere suggested a picture of format at the bottom of the Agreement.
- Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Lori Spoelstra, Boston Township Clerk