

BOSTON TOWNSHIP
Minutes of Board Meeting
March 12, 2014

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

Members Present: Dunton, Ziesman, Van Prooyen, Olson, Sitzer, Lamphere, Stuck

Absent:

Guests: Marsha Henschke, Chris and Elizabeth Galido, Officer Brinks, Cameron Zwart, Carl Cornils

Citizens' Comments:

Agenda Approval: Moved by Sitzer to approve the agenda, seconded by Olson Passed: Yes-7, No-0.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- February bills payable – Checks 17651 – 17689 for a total amount of \$19,690.49. Minutes from February 12, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Olson made motion to accept with many word changes also with adding the wording, "under certain circumstances when a new dwelling is being placed where an existing dwelling exists" to the amendment of Ordinance No. 98-2, seconded by Ziesman. Passed Yes-7, No-0

Recess was called at 7:10pm

Budget Public Hearing

Board commenced by going over the budget line by line. Budget was open for discussion. Lamphere made a resolution or motion to approve the 2014-2015 budget, Olson seconded, Roll-call vote: Dunton-yes, Lamphere-yes, Olson-yes, Sitzer-yes, Stuck-yes, Ziesman-yes, Van Prooyen-yes, passed Yes-7, No-0

Regular Meeting Commenced at 7:29pm

Clerks' Report:

Clerk mentioned that WOW was increasing the Modem portion of the WOW invoice so there would be a slight increase to the monthly billing.

The new computer has arrived and the clerk is working on getting the information moved from old computer to the new one. She was able to get the new computer for \$448.99.

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed Account Balances

New Business:

- Request had been made by John Smith and Bruce Chadwick for consideration to let them tap the maple trees in the cemetery. Stuck made the motion that we do not let them tap the trees out of respect for the families visiting or burying a loved one, seconded by Ziesman and supported. Yes-7, No 0
- Renewal of the 2014 cemetery mowing contracts with Geoff Emelander and Ray Prins were presented with a motion to accept made by Lamphere, seconded by Sitzer and supported: Yes-7, No-0

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

8329 Nash Hwy. needs to get cleaned up. Clerk will include in the summary of minutes that bids will be taken from parties interested in tearing down and hauling away the remainder of the trailer located on 8329 Nash Hwy.

Treasurer Lamphere asked the board for permission to contact the lawyer in regards to two Personal Property accounts that are grossly past due, Barb Curtis Smit of Saranac Laundromat owing approximately \$4500.00 and Dentist John McCree owing approximately \$18,700.00. The board agreed it is time that the lawyer got involved.

Lamphere also brought it to the board's attention of a scam going around asking residents to send them money and in return a copy of their deed would be sent to them. She feels that we should let the residents know that this is a scam and to disregard any request.

Lamphere also mentioned that a bill was passed that any American flag that will be put on display in the cemetery must be made in the USA.

Ziesman announced that the Saranac Fire Department just received their new rescue boat. It was a demo so they were able to save money on the purchase.

Ziesman approached the board noting that we lacked a contract renewal with the Sheriff's Department which will expire on March 31, 2014 and how would that affect our service.

A recess was called at 8:50pm while the board waited for the Sheriff to arrive to answer questions.

At 9:05pm meeting resumed.

Stuck made a motion to accept the new 3-year contract with the Sheriff's Department including the first year increase of about 1%, with year two and three will have a 3% increase, seconded by Ziesman, supported: Yes-7, No-0.

Supervisor's Notes:

Boston Township will be hosting the Ionia County Township Officers Association meeting on April 14, 2014. Boston Township has asked First Lieutenant Kevin Sweeney of the Michigan State Police to be the speaker at the meeting.

Citizen's Comments:

Marsha Henschke made a comment on the police contract

- Meeting Adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Van Prooyen - Clerk