



**VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026, 7:05 PM**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Boston Heights Council was called to order at 7:05 pm on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, by Mayor Ron Antal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present:

Dave Maccarone
Bob Bartko
Judy Lewis
Chris Fenn
Rich Lyon
Sasha Chetyrkina-Miller

Other Officials Present:

Scott Varney, Fiscal Officer
Tony Burgoyne, Engineer Representative
Marshal Pitchford, Solicitor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion to Adopt the Agenda made by D. Maccarone and seconded by J. Lewis
Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.

OPEN FORUM 1:

Neil Kasmarcik asked a question about 2 fire department levies, but they were for Boston Township, not Boston Heights. Notice in the local paper included all municipalities incorrectly.

ORDINANCES:

N/A

RESOLUTIONS:

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

OHM representative Tony Burgoyne talked on behalf of Jason Popeil, the Village engineer, regarding drinking water. They would like to form a Valley Drinking Water District with Boston Heights, Boston Township, and Peninsula to help bring drinking water to the area. The study cost

would be \$125,000. Equal contributions proposed at \$33,333.00 per participating community. There is a \$13million-\$25million grant opportunity from the National Parks for this initiative. The Cuyahoga Valley National Park brings in \$3 million annually to the county. Formation of a drinking-water district will buy water via master meter agreements, resell to users, and set rates to fund ownership, operation, and maintenance. The study completion is targeted for six months to pursue funding. Senator Husted and Congresswoman Emilia Sykes are engaged as well.

The Village will be moving forward with OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) small government funding for the Akron Peninsula Road project in conjunction with the Village of Peninsula. Also, the West Hines Hill Road resurfacing project will pursue OPWC small government funding. The Hines Hill Road resurfacing project, OHM will return in Spring to review deficiencies. Formal notification about small-government funding for both projects is expected later in March.

Scott Varney, Village Fiscal Officer, reported that the Public Works Department has a couple of requests for purchases. One being a 2026 Ford F-600. No state pricing is available. It is under the threshold of \$75,000.00 coming in at \$73,883.00, and additional items would get installed at a later date. This would replace one of the plow trucks. The second item is a pipeline inspection camera. Mr. Varney reported this was all in the budget, so no increase will be necessary.

Motion to approve and proceed with these purchases made by R. Lyon and seconded by B. Bartko
Motion passed by Roll Call: 6-0

SECOND OPEN FORUM:

Richard Herbig has a question about the taxes not being paid by the Girl Scout Camp. The Mayor stated the Village gets approximately \$2,200.00 a year from them. They would not reimburse us for a fire in the park or for police. Mr. Herbig also wanted to know if the money we collect from our fire levies go directly to Valley Fire, and is there any auditing on them? Mr. Varney stated that he distributes it to them quarterly. He also stated they are under the State guidance of auditing procedures. The Village has a contract with Valley Fire for around \$370,000. per year. Mr. Herbig asked who is in charge of Valley Fire. Marshal Pitchford, the Village Solicitor, stated that they have a governing board that runs things for them. The Fire Chief is the Chief Executive Officer of Valley Fire. Mr. Herbig also wanted to know where the monies were coming from to pay for the service center. Mayor Antal stated the safety center is still not a done deal. Mr. Maccarone added that every indication is that the Village will be receiving a grant for \$850,000 and are working on creative ways to finance this project without taxpayer money.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

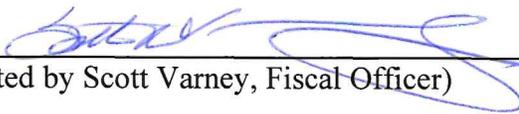
N/A

ANY FURTHER ACTION:

N/A

Motion to adjourn made by D. Maccarone and seconded by C. Fenn

ADJOURN: 8:06 pm



(Attested by Scott Varney, Fiscal Officer) 3/16/26
Date

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