



**VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026, 7:01 PM**

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Boston Heights Council was called to order at 7:01 pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, by Mayor Ron Antal.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members Present:

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

Council Members Absent:

Judy Lewis

Other Officials Present:

Scott Varney, Fiscal Officer  
Marsha Pitchford, Solicitor

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Motion to Adopt the Agenda made by R. Lyon and seconded by D. Maccarone  
Motion passed by Roll Call 5-0.

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**OPEN FORUM 1:**

Mr. Kevin Tloczynski had some questions about the Safety Service Center. He referenced House Bill 331, which requires every Ohio Village to provide at least five (5) enumerated services. The Village is currently at four (4), and if you have fewer than five (5) confirmed, there is a risk that the town charter could be dissolved and put up to a vote every census. Valley Fire District does not qualify at this time. His question was, is it possible to reorganize the Valley Fire District as a regional Council of Government? Mr. Tloczynski stated he felt this would provide Boston Heights with two (2) more EMS and Fire service, making six (6) total. Marshal Pitchford explained the requirements to have a Council of Government, aka. Cog.

Kevin continued with his other question regarding police accreditation. He is aware of no criteria that need to be met, and the Village does not need to have an accredited police department.

Mr. Maccarone informed that the Village is accredited by BCI. Further discussion related to HB 331 ensued with a resolution of looking into the matter more to help protect the community.

Council person S. Chetyrkina-Miller asked what the relationship is between BCI and HB331?

Mr. Maccarone stated there really is no relationship; they are two (2) separate issues.

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**ORDINANCES:**

N/A

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

N/A

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Antal reported that he attended the monthly Mayor's meeting, and a representative from Eileen Shapiro's office was there and informed them that it didn't look likely that getting rid of the property tax bill would make it to the ballot. They are having trouble getting signatures and verifying them. Mayor Antal also informed the Council that he heard there are a lot of municipalities planning on raising their payroll taxes in anticipation of this bill as well as other income shortfalls. Most are much higher increases than the .25% the Village is looking at. Mr. Bartko asked if there was a limit on the amount that could be raised. Marshal Pitchford, the village solicitor, responded that there were different kinds of property taxes and would look into it.

Mayor Antal wanted to clarify a committee change for Lands and Buildings from six weeks ago and questioned if the intention of the motion by Mr. Lyon and seconded by Mr. Fenn was to have 3 or 4 members on the committee. Mr. Lyon stated his intention was for Bob Bartko, Judy Lewis, and himself as chairperson, and would amend his motion.

Motion made for the current and future Land & Buildings committee to be B. Bartko, J. Lewis, and R. Lyon, as chairperson, was made by R. Lyon and seconded by C Fenn.

S. Chetyrkina-Miller requested that the vote not be taken until Judy Lewis was present so that a full Council vote could be taken.

Motion passed by Roll Call 4-1

S. Chetyrkina-Miller voted no

Discussion continued regarding committee meetings and the posting of their dates and times. R. Lyon contributed that committee chairpersons could notify Tammy Collins, the Village Admin, to post on the website. D. Maccarone added that the chairperson could decide following the first council meeting, so residents could be notified in a timely manner.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Lyon discussed his notes on an overall picture of a to-do list he compiled after the walkabout from earlier in the week.

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**SECOND OPEN FORUM:**

N/A

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

N/A

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**ANY FURTHER ACTION:**

N/A

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Motion to adjourn made by D. Maccarone and seconded by R. Lyon

**ADJOURN: 8:08 pm**

  
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(Attested by Scott Varney, Fiscal Officer) 5/12/2026  
Date

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