



**VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 7:00 PM**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Boston Heights Council was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, by Mayor Ron Antal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present:

Dave Maccarone
Bob Bartko
Janet Miller
Ron Fenn
Rich Lyon
Sasha Chetyrkina-Miller

Other Officials Present:

Scott Varney, Fiscal Officer
Marshal Pitchford, Solicitor
Brian Gorog, Engineer

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion to Adopt Agenda as presented to Council made by D. Maccarone and seconded by J. Miller
Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve Council meeting minutes from April 8th and April 22nd made by R. Lyon and seconded by R. Fenn
Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

OPEN FORUM 1:

Brian Hans- Addressed the email he sent to the Mayor and Council. He read his email aloud, expressing his concerns and opposition to the proposed \$300,000.00 construction of pickleball courts. He stated he was struggling to understand how this project had become a budgetary priority, considering the recent cancellation of the bike trail expansion that would have connected the village to surrounding communities and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The bike trail project was deemed too expensive, but it had the potential for outside funding from the State or local sources. In contrast, the pickleball courts would be fully funded by the Village,

representing a significant expenditure for a single-purpose amenity. Furthermore, a high-quality court already exists in Hudson, a short drive away. The necessity and urgency of building these courts are not clear, nor has there been what Mr. Hans considers an adequate outreach to determine whether this reflects the collective priorities of Boston Heights residents. He spoke about the Safety Service Center project, and with the cancellation of the bike trail, he felt resources were being preserved for infrastructure like the Safety Service Center. Now, with the pickleball project, he does not understand the long-term financial road map for the Village. He respectfully asked the Council not to move forward until broader public input and a transparent assessment of priorities relative to the Villages' available funds, long-term infrastructure goals, and community needs are addressed. Mr. Hans then thanked the Council for their time and service.

Mr. Maccarone asked Mr. Hans if he had attended any previous meetings in which this issue was discussed. Mr. Hans stated he was unable to attend personally but reviewed the minutes and what was scheduled to be proposed at prior meetings. Mr. Maccarone wanted to clarify that the pickleball court project was started in 2023 and was put in the summer newsletter over a year ago. Mr. Maccarone also updated Mr. Hans that the bike trail was going to cost the Village \$900,000.00, and that the pickleball court was receiving a \$75,000.00 grant to help with the construction of the pickleball courts, and not fully funded by the Village. Mr. Hans was appreciative of the clarification.

Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller thanked Mr. Hans for his input by email and for attending to help her see from a resident's perspective, maybe the communications haven't been as transparent and thorough as the intention has been.

The Mayor also added that the trail is not a dead issue; the new position is that if Boston Heights, Hudson, and the parks go into it together, they may be able to obtain more funding, as it was the trail, if constructed, would not be connected to any other community. Hudson has indicated they will finish their portion, but that is at least 5 years away. The Village had to make a decision and couldn't sit on the money (grant) and wait, so they had to either not take it and spend 1,000,000.00 to get the grant, or take it, and then it still wasn't going to connect the communities.

Richard Herbig wanted to talk about the guardrail that was smashed at Brandywine Road. He asked if it was the responsibility of the landowner. The Engineer Brian Gorog stated no, it was not. Mr. Maccarone stated that anything within the Village is now the responsibility of the Village to repair. The biggest impact now is that the end caps and terminals are approximately \$60,000.00. They are going to try to go after the insurance companies to help recover these repair or replacement costs. Mr. Herbig stated that there was a dead tree on a guardrail that needed to be taken care of right away, and it could fall and someone may be killed. Mr. Maccarone will talk to Charlie Riedle about taking care of this. The Mayor stated that if any trees or limbs are in the right of way, the Village will take care of this, but typically it is the landowner who is responsible. Mr. Maccarone informed everyone that the Village has obtained new insurance for repairing guardrails.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2025-5-20 A RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE MATTHEWS THOMAS
(First Reading) PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS PROJECT BID TO CARRON
 ASPHALT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by D. Maccarone and seconded by R. Lyon

Motion passed by Roll call 5-1

Bob Bartko voted no

Motion to Adopt made by B. Bartko and seconded by J. Miller

Motion to amend section 5, accepting the base bid in the amount not to exceed \$298,157.50, as well as alternate # 2, in the amount not to exceed \$74,012.92 made by R. Lyon and seconded by D. Maccarone

Motion passed by Roll call 4-3. Mayor Antal voted yes

S. Chetyrkina-Miller, Mr. Bartko and Mr. Fenn voted no

Motion to Adopt made by B. Bartko and seconded by J. Miller

Motion passed by Roll call 4-3. Mayor Antal voted yes

Mr. Bartko, Mr. Fenn and Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller voted no

RESOLUTION 2025-5-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO
(First Reading) ESTABLISH THE GUARDRAIL REPAIR FUND PURSUANT
 TO O.R.C. 5705.09; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by R. Lyon and seconded by J. Miller

Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

Motion to Adopt made by J. Miller and seconded by R. Fenn

Motion passed by Roll call 5-1

Mrs. Chetyrkina abstained

RESOLUTION 2025-5-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO
(First Reading) ESTABLISH THE FRIENDS OF MATTHEW THOMAS PARK
 FUND PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.09; AND DECLARING AN
 EMERGENCY

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by D. Maccarone and seconded by B. Bartko

Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

Motion to Adopt made by J. Miller and seconded by R. Lyon

Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025-5-23 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL
(First Reading) APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND
 OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE YEAR
 ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025; AND DECLARING AN
 EMERGENCY

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by B. Bartko and seconded by R. Fenn

Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

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

Motion to amend Parks and Recreation fund to \$425,000.00 made by R. Lyon and seconded by R. Fenn

Motion passed by Roll call 5-1

Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller voted no

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

Motion passed by Roll call 5-1

Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller voted no

RESOLUTION 2025-5-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO
(First Reading) TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE
 PARK AND RECREATION FUND; AND DECLARING AN
 EMERGENCY

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by R. Fenn and seconded by D. Maccarone

Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

Motion to Adopt made by J. Miller and seconded by R. Lyon

Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025-5-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER A
(First Reading) CONTRACT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR THE HINES HILL
 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
 PROPOSAL #23105; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by B. Bartko and seconded by D. Maccarone

Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

Motion to Adopt made by B. Bartko and seconded by D. Maccarone

Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025-5-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER A
(First Reading) CONTRACT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR THE BOSTON
 MILLS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTION
 SERVICES PROPOSAL #23106A; AND DECLARING AN
 EMERGENCY

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by B. Bartko and seconded by R. Lyon

Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

Motion to Adopt made by B. Bartko and seconded by D. Maccarone

Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025-5-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER A
(First Reading) CONTRACT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR THE PICKLEBALL
 COURTS MATTHEWS-THOMAS PARK CONSTRUCTION
 SERVICES PROPSAL #25061; AND DECLARING AN
 EMERGENCY

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by B. Bartko and seconded by R. Fenn
Motion passed by Roll call 6-0
Motion to Adopt made by J. Miller and seconded by D. Maccarone
Motion to amend from six (6) to eight (8) courts and the awarded contract shall be in an amount
Not to exceed \$20,000.00 made by R. Lyon and seconded by R. Fenn
Motion passed by Roll call 4-2
Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller and Mr. Bartko voted no
Motion passed by Roll call 4-2
Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller and Mr. Bartko voted no

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Antal had a Mayor's retreat in Montreal.
The Memorial Day program is coming up on May 26th, 2025

FISCAL OFFICER:

Additional Legislation to do

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**SAFETY COMMITTEE**

D. Maccarone

Police- One Police officer has left the force for another position. Chief McArdle has posted an application online for recruits and has had over 20 responses. The new truck is due in any time now.
Fire- Valley Fire is getting some repairs done on the trucks, and the pancake breakfast went well, good turnout. Current equipment is up to date, and tariffs will not be an issue at this time.

ROADS COMMITTEE / CEMETERY TRUSTEES

R. Fenn

The Memorial Day program will begin at 8:30 a.m. on May 26th, 2025

LANDS AND BUILDING / PARK

J. Miller

Nothing at this time

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

D. Maccarone

Wendy's has been open for a couple of weeks, and business is picking up. The hotel is finishing up the asbestos cleanup and it should be leveled in the next few weeks. The Land Bank said they are not worried about the end-of-May deadline, and an extension is in place if needed.

PLANNING COMMISSION / BZA

D. Maccarone

No meeting for the Planning Commission, but the BZA met and granted a variance for the height of a deer fence. Code states 6' and 7'. 6' is the ideal height to keep deer out. A family has a garden and wants to keep the deer out of it.

ENGINEER

B. Gorog

Brian Gorog, the Village Engineer, and Charlie Riedle from the roads department are working on an estimate for a paving program. There is one item left on the Wolcott Rd. project: A cracked pipe is leaking and needs attention. There is an issue with sinking on the road. Brian Gorog, the Engineer, stated it will have to wait for the maintenance bond due to not being bad enough at this time to be repaired.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Chetyrkina questioned if the Village has a new IT provider? The Mayor stated that the Village does have a new IT provider.

Bob Bartko asked if recently retired positions have been posted for hire. The Mayor stated Charlie Riedel only retired from the Fire Chief position, not the road department, and Dave Morehouse is not officially retired at this time. They have only retired from the fire department.

NEW BUSINESS:

N/A

SECOND OPEN FORUM:

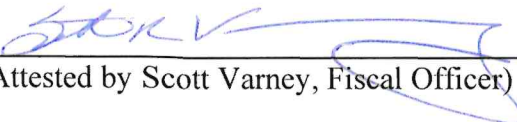
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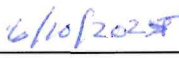
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

N/A

Motion to adjourn made by R. Lyon and seconded by B. Bartko

ADJOURN: 8:57 pm


(Attested by Scott Varney, Fiscal Officer)


Date

FULL RECORDING IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT VILLAGE HALL