



**VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 7:04 PM**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Boston Heights Council was called to order at 7:04 pm on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, by Mayor Ron Antal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Dave Morehouse, the former Fire Chief of Boston Heights.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add Resolution 2025-9-14 made by J. Miller and seconded by B. Bartko

Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended to Council made by R. Lyon and seconded by D. Maccarone

Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve Council meeting minutes from August 12th and August 26th made by D. Maccarone and seconded by R. Lyon

Motion passed by Roll call 4-1

1 no (S. Chetyrkina-Miller voted no because she felt minutes were incomplete)

1 abstain (J. Miller)

OPEN FORUM 1:

Cynthia Curtain wanted to introduce herself to the Council. She is a new Judge at the Stow Municipal Court. She has extensive experience and was appointed by Governor DeWine in May of 2025.

Kathy Holsopple from Wolcott Rd. stated last Tuesday she received a letter from the Summit County Health Department stating that if they are not in compliance with the water tie-in, they may have to vacate their property. The Mayor responded that the letter was only for those properties that may have failing septic systems, and would need to move forward requiring a tie-in. The Mayor apologized for not notifying residents about clarifying the letter. Marshal Pitchford texted the Summit County Prosecutor and will work with him for assurances on who this will affect.

Richard Eves also residing on Wolcott Rd. stated he is tired of this stuff and expressed his concerns about the letter, and feels the way Summit County is dealing with this is indefensible. Specifically, the way they are doing things and what they are doing.

The resident at 86 Wolcott Rd. stated that all the grass planted on and around his house is dead, and the access way for the water is floating on the ground. He asked Council to drive down and take a look at the road. He stated he has contacted Brian Gorog, the Village Engineer, and nothing has happened with all the complaints about the issues that need to be taken care of.

The resident at 56 Wolcott Rd. stated there is a wire just lying in her yard, left by the construction company that was working on the road.

The Mayor wanted to let the Council members know that they cannot abstain from a vote unless there is a reason or conflict with the issue. He stated you cannot abstain because you don't want to vote yes or no. He explained the Council has an obligation; the voters voted for you, and abstaining is walking down the middle of the road. Marshal Pitchford explained what Ohio calls "your duty to vote." Marshal explained that if you have a conflict, you must state you have a conflict; if this does not happen, the abstained vote is counted with the majority.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2025-9-12 (First Reading)	AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY THE VILLAGE'S TOTAL COSTS TO DATE OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT AT 6625 DEAN MEMORIAL PARKWAY, BOSTON HEIGHTS, OHIO 44236, PARCEL NO. 13-01028, TO THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICE AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR PLACEMENT ON THE TAX DUPLICATE FOR COLLECTION IN ONE ANNUAL INSTALLMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by D. Maccarone and seconded by R. Fenn
Motion passed by Roll call 6-0
Motion to adopt made by D. Maccarone and seconded by J. Miller
Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

ORDINANCE 2025-9-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 123.01 OF THE
(First Reading) CODIFIED ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO ALLOW PUBLIC
NOTICES ON BOTH WEBSITES AND NEWSPAPERS.

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 D. Maccarone and seconded by B. Bartko
Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2025-9-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BOSTON
(First Reading) HEIGHTS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A JOINT
APPLICATION WITH THE VILLAGE OF PENINSULA
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS
COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM FOR THE AKRON-PENINSULA ROAD PAVING
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by R. Lyon and seconded by B. Bartko
Motion passed by Roll call 6-0
Motion to adopt made by D. Maccarone and seconded by R. Fenn
Motion passed by Roll call 6-0

MAYOR'S REPORT:

N/A

FISCAL OFFICER:

N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SAFETY COMMITTEE

D. Maccarone

Police- The new Safety Service Center is continuing the discovery phase of design, and the meetings are once a week and open to the public and the Council. It is going to look Mid-Century Modern to embrace the architecture of the existing fire station.

R. Fenn

Fire- Steak dinner is coming up, and you must get tickets ahead of time, it is limited to 200 tickets sold.

ROADS COMMITTEE / CEMETERY TRUSTEES

R. Fenn

Cemetery clean-up is going well. There will be a craft show on November 1, 2025, and there will be soups as a big draw served both at the show and to go.

LANDS AND BUILDING / PARK

J. Miller

Pickleball courts will be open on the Weekend of Fall Festival, Oct 4th, 2025

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

D. Maccarone

Nothing at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION / BZA

D. Maccarone

The Planning Commission meeting had light manufacturing on the agenda. Retail, distribution, cultivation, and processing of marijuana is going to be broken out into 3 separate pieces of legislation.

ENGINEER

B. Gorog

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

S. Chetyrkina-Miller wanted to share why she voted no on the August Council minutes; she didn't think the second meeting in August captured the lively discussion that went on. She felt she was the only one out of the loop regarding the Safety Service Center design. She looked back at the website and council minutes for information and found very little. She looked at the finance meeting minutes and found nothing about the 8.5-million-dollar project the Village is moving forward with. The safety committee had no public postings. She appreciated being invited to the weekly meetings now and has enjoyed them. Council person Chetyrkina-Miller had many questions about the Safety Service Center decisions, and the Mayor stated they would be better answered with the sub-committee meeting members. He also stated Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller may have been late to the party, so to speak, but all of her questions have been addressed before this date. He explained there was not an 8-million-dollar project they were voting on; it was misleading, and there was a grant for \$825,000.00 to put plans together. You can't get additional funding unless you have plans already. The Village is still hoping to get the funding and may not build if the funding doesn't happen.

S. Chetyrkina-Miller wanted to state that absolutely no safety committee meeting minutes were posted regarding this issue.

D. Maccarone wanted to address some of the questions asked by S. Chetyrkina-Miller, one of which was that the contract that was signed with DSA is for the entire project, and if it stopped

tomorrow, they would only pay for what was invested. Also, the police and fire departments have been a part of the conversations from the start for what is needed today and in the future. The design two years ago went from a potential 10 million project to a 17 million project. They went back to the architect and said they thought the Village could raise 9 million without raising the tax base, and asked what could be done to reduce the overall costs. The firm said that if the Village kept the existing building and added on to it, it would be more cost-effective. The point of moving the Village employees would make more sense to be over in the newer section, closer to the other departments, than to be separated in the old building.

The Mayor stated certain things were done for expediency, not to hide anything. Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller said she just wanted clarification on things before she votes on items; she feels there is defensiveness when she asks her questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by R. Lyon to prepare a resolution to recognize Dave Morehouse for his years of service to Boston Heights, and seconded by R. Fenn

Motion Passed by Roll call 6-0

SECOND OPEN FORUM:

Louise Vanek wanted to state that residents feel the current administration is not communicating with them as well as they could be. The website's most current minutes are from March 2025. She stated that she did not know anything about the Safety Service Center.

Mr. Maccarone wanted to explain that the Safety Center is not a committed project yet. This is just in the exploratory stage; all the facts need to be in before anything is voted on. The Police Department can be closed down at any point due to being inadequately built at this point, and the Sheriff's Department could take over. The project was started to head off losing the Police Dept. This project is not operating on taxpayer money at this time; it has all been grant money.

A question was asked if the hotel property arrangement is null and void. The Mayor explained no, that there is a lot more behind the scenes that has to happen before it can proceed.

Mrs. Fenn wanted to say everyone wants more information and to be involved, yet with all the community events that are planned that information can be obtained, nobody (residents) comes, yet they come to the Council meetings and complain about not doing this and not doing that.

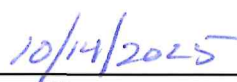
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

N/A

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

ADJOURN: 8:40 pm


(Attested by Scott Varney, Fiscal Officer)


Date

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