
Boston Heights News

**Monthly Newsletter for the Village
of Boston Heights
January, 2008**

Village Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan. 2 Planning/BZA Meeting, Wed., 7 PM

Jan. 9 Council Meeting, Wed., 8 PM

Jan. 22 Finance Committee Meeting, Tues., 7 PM

Feb. 6 Planning/BZA Meeting, Wed., 7 PM

Feb. 13 Council Meeting, Wed., 8 PM

Feb. 26 Finance Committee Meeting, Tues, 7 PM

Village Bulletin Board

JUDGE CAROL DESZO ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILPERSONS JANET MILLER AND SCOTT FOSS, CLERK-TREASURER CAROL ZEMAN AND MAYOR BILL GONCY.

After the December 12, 2007 Council Meeting, which had begun at 7:00 PM, Mayor McFall had Judge Deszo swear in the newly elected officeholders. Their terms begin January 1, 2008 and run until December 31, 2011.

A SURPRIZED MAYOR RAYMOND MCFALL WAS RECOGNIZED WITH A PROCLAMATION DELIVERED BY SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND FORMER VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS SOLICITOR RUSSELL PRY.

During Audience Participation at the December 12, 2007 Council Meeting, Mayor McFall was recognized with a Proclamation recognizing his long term commitment to the Village of Boston Heights as Mayor, Councilman and Firefighter. He also served his country while in the Navy serving on the USS Skagit. He has continued to attend his ship reunions and is organizing the next reunion.

CONTINUING MAYOR MCFALL'S RECOGNITION OF OVER FIFTY YEARS SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE, COUNCIL MOVED AND APPROVED NAMING THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM TO MCFALL HALL.

Under the New Business section of the Council Meeting, Council surprised the Mayor by naming the room in which they meet to McFall Hall. Council President Goncy then asked Mayor McFall to join him in the front hall of Village Hall, where a plaque bearing the name "McFall Hall" was revealed.

THE NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS BY RT. 8 RAMP AND RT. 303 ARE BEING CONNECTED AND WILL BE IN SERVICE IN 2008.

The traffic lights will flash on caution and signs will be posted indicating when they are to go into full operation. State rules require this transition period. These traffic signals are synchronized with lights at Terex Road and Akron-Cleveland Road to improve safety and flow of traffic in the area. Operational date proposed: Jan. 2, 2008.

Minutes of the December 12, 2007 Council Meeting

Mayor McFall opened the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 PM. Council members Mike Cheung, Bill Goncy, Jim Hudson, Kevin Lightner, Janet Miller and Teri Slane were present. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Zeman, Solicitor Michael Cassetty, Village Engineer and Street Commissioner Steve Schreiber, and other village officials and residents were also in attendance. COUNCIL AGENDA FOLLOWS:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2007 COUNCIL AGENDA.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor McFall informed all in attendance that Santa Delivery would begin on December 16, 2007 at noon and continue until all presents are delivered.

The Mayor read a letter of resignation from Kathy Riedel, an assistant in the Clerk-Treasurer's office, who has increased time commitment to her full-time workplace.

A resignation letter from Bill Goncy asked to end his Council commitment on December 31, 2007 so that he may begin his Mayoral duties January 1, 2008.

A resident questioned the lack of lighting at the Rt. 8 and Boston Mills Road intersection. Numerous calls by the Village to Ohio Edison and ODOT Officials had ultimately found that neither took responsibility for maintenance of the lighting. The Village has called Signal Service with whom it contracts for traffic signal maintenance and they are to send a higher reach signal service bucket truck out to find and repair the problem as soon as the truck becomes available.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE CC – 2007: An Ordinance Approving the Temporary Annual Appropriations for the Village of Boston Heights for the Year 2008 and Declaring an Emergency. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Ordinance 27-2007.

ORDINANCE DD – 2007: An Ordinance Amending the Permanent Annual Appropriations Ordinance (Ordinance 3 – 2007) for the Village of Boston Heights for the Year 2007 and Declaring an Emergency. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Ordinance 28-2007.

ORDINANCE EE – 2007: An Ordinance Authorizing the Chief of Police allow Any Member of the Police Department Overnight Police Cruiser Usage and Declaring an Emergency. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Ordinance 29-2007. [This allows an officer on call for scheduled occasional task force operations to respond directly from their place of residence to a call and allows for necessary insurance coverage, which must be provided by the Village.]

RESOLUTION LLL – 2007: A Resolution Accepting the Financial Statements of the Village of Boston Heights for the Month of October 2007. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 61-2007.

RESOLUTION MMM – 2007: A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Laurie Stoddard to the Board of Zoning Appeals of the Village of Boston Heights. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 62-2007.

RESOLUTION NNN – 2007: A Resolution To Reduce the Load Limit on the Akron-Cleveland Road Bridge by Thirty Percent. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 63-2007. [The modification to last month's Resolution 60-2007 allows emergency vehicles an exemption to legal axle limit imposed.]

RESOLUTION OOO – 2007: Resolution Appointing Members to the Comprehensive Zoning Plan Committee. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 64-2007. [Planning Commission Suggested to Council Approval of Three Residents and an Alternate to Work with Planning Commission on Formation of an

updated Comprehensive Zoning Plan for the Village of Boston Heights. Those Residents are: Laverne Molnar, Ted Chandler, Paul Dumont and Ronald Mamula. A Village “Thank You” to the Volunteers.]

RESOLUTION PPP – 2007: A Resolution Hiring and Appointing Michael Cassetty as Solicitor for the Village of Boston Heights, Ohio. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0: becomes Resolution 65-2007.

RESOLUTION QQQ – 2007: Resolution Giving Consent to the State of Ohio to Install A Freeway Management System on State Route 8 and Declaring an Emergency. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 66-2007. [This Resolution gives ODOT the right to direct additional or corrective work necessary for the Route 8 Improvement Project (Phase II).]

RESOLUTION RRR – 2007: A Resolution Authorizing the Change of Name of Brighton Drive to Brighton Lane. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 67-2007. [After having the name Brighton Drive preliminarily approved by Summit County, the county found a conflict with another already named Brighton Drive, thus causing the Brighton developer to seek a new name (Brighton Lane) that Summit County will accept.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mike Cheung reported BZA had no December agenda items and Planning had:

- Planning Commission approved a one-sided entry sign for Brighton on Olde Eight Road to be placed in the entryway bridge wall landscaping.
- The name change from Brighton Drive to Brighton Lane was not able to be decided by Planning Commission but was a Council issue.
- The Mark Elliot company, located in Unit B at 5824 Akron-Cleveland Road, received approval for his office and warehouse use in the L-M District.
- Advance Health Systems received preliminary approval to occupy their new location at 5824 Akron-Cleveland Road, Unit E, pending a fire inspection.

Bill Gony reported:

- He reviewed the Mayor's Court Bank Reconciliation Report for November 2007.
- Workshops to learn about which watershed your property drains from and then into and how that affects you are being held at the Happy Days Center on Rt. 303 in our Village. Each of the watershed programs will present basics for protecting your property and then specifics about the watershed you live in. The dates you could attend are: Saturday, January 19, 2008 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for the Brandywine Creek program and Saturday, February 16, 2008 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for the Mud Brook. LUNCH is provided at each of these programs and brochures outlining the schedules are available at Village Hall. Boston Heights' residential and retail zoned properties impact the Brandywine Creek Watershed.

Jim Hudson informed residents:

- The new Village plow/dump truck is now in service. It replaces a unit that is over 18 years old.
- The load limit on the Akron-Cleveland Road Bridge (south of Rt. 303 over the bike and hike trail) has been reduced to increase the longevity of bridge use until suitable funding for replacement has been secured. Our Village Engineer has been working with Congressman LaTourette's office to seek funding.
- Leaf pickup has been delayed by the leaf vacuum breakdown and the late falling of leaves. Our road crew will be collecting leaves as weather permits.

Janet Miller reported:

- The Mayor's Court bills in both House and Senate were still in committee and would not be progressing during the Holidays.
- The Economic Development Committee has not scheduled a January meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

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