
Boston Heights News

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

<h2>Village Calendar of Upcoming Events</h2>

ALL MEETINGS LISTED ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

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

**Feb. 13 Council Meeting, Wed., 8 PM
[PUBLIC HEARING on Soil Removal legislation, 7:30 PM]**

Feb. 18 Cemetery Trustees Meet, Mon., 7 PM_

Feb. 19 Cemetery Comm. Meeting, Tues., 7 PM

Feb. 26 Finance Committee Meeting, Tues., 7 PM

Feb. 27 Comprehensive Plan Comm., Wed., 7 PM

Feb. 28 Economic Development Meets, 7 PM

Mar. 5 Planning/BZA Meeting, Wed., 7 PM

Village Bulletin Board

A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 2, 2008 AT 7 PM FILLED A VACANT COUNCIL SEAT AND ELECTED THE PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE OF COUNCIL FOR THE 2008 YEAR.

Your five member Council unanimously elected Kevin Lightner to fill the vacated seat of former Councilman Bill Goncy after an Executive Session. Bill had resigned his Council seat effective December 31, 2007 to fill his new job as Mayor on January 1, 2008. Kevin Lightner rejoined Council after Mayor Goncy administered the oath of office to fill the term that expires on December 31, 2009.

In the only other agenda item of business, the full six member Council nominated and unanimously elected Mike Cheung the President Pro-Tempore of the Village of Boston Heights Council for the year 2008.

THE NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS BY RT. 8 RAMP AND RT. 303 ARE NOW OPERATING.

The new traffic signal synchronization with lights at Terex Road and Akron-Cleveland Road is being monitored and adjusted by ODOT officials. Once the best adjustment is achieved, ODOT will turn the shared maintenance of the signals over to the Village of Boston Heights and the City of Hudson through a mutual agreement.

AREA OFFICIAL AND INTERESTED RESIDENTS ATTENDED A BRANDYWINE CREEK WATERSHED WORKSHOP AT THE CVNP'S "HAPPY DAYS VISITOR CENTER" ON ROUTE 303 IN BOSTON HEIGHTS.

Presented by the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization, about fifty representatives from the Brandywine Creek Watershed and surrounding communities met from 8:30 AM until after 4 PM. An informational notebook with watershed maps and watershed background information was provided to each person in attendance, by various watershed stewardship funding organizations. Boston Heights, Hudson, Macedonia and Northfield Center recently formed the Brandywine Creek Watershed Partners to protect the residences and businesses along Brandywine Creek.

Councilpersons Mike Cheung, Scott Foss and Janet Miller, Comprehensive Plan Committee Member Laverne Molnar, Zoning Inspector David Himes, Mayor Bill Goncy and other village residents studied watershed basic information and applied it to sample best land use exercises with participants from surrounding communities.

Persons interested in learning more about watersheds may still sign up for two more presentations by the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization. The Mud Brook workshop is Saturday, February 16, 2008 from 8:30 AM to 4 PM at Happy Days Visitor Center with a similar program on Furnace Run being offered March 1, 2008. Call Jane Goodman (216-241-2414, ext. 610) or send name, address and phone to email: goodmanj@cuyahogariverrap.org for reservations. Lunch is provided.

MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY FORMED [CPC] COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MET ON JANUARY 23, 2008, 7 PM AT VILLAGE HALL.

New CPC committee members Ted Chandler, Ron Mamula, LaVerne Molnar and alternate Paul DuMont met with members of the Village Planning Commission (PC) and BZA in order to begin creating a comprehensive plan document to guide the future direction of Boston Heights. Mike Bush was elected to chair the group, Laurie Stoddard is the secretary and Paul DuMont will serve as editor of the proposed information. Formation of the Committee's Charter was on the agenda with sample documents from other communities and sources provided for background. The group will meet once a month at Village Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2008, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM at Village Hall. [All committee and Council meetings are posted and are open to the public].

Minutes of the January 9, 2008
Council Meeting

Mayor Bill Goncy opened the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:00 PM. Council members Mike Cheung, Scott Foss, Jim Hudson, Janet Miller and Teri Slane were present. Kevin Lightner and Clerk-Treasurer Carol Zeman were absent. 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 JANUARY 9, 2008 COUNCIL AGENDA.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING AND THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2008 WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Goncy read a card from Ann and Frank Markunas thanking the Park Board for providing the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner for the seniors of Boston Heights.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A discussion of allowable placement and sizing of headstones in Fairview Cemetery pertaining to the “Garden of Angels” section occurred. Mayor Goncy and Solicitor Cassetty responded that they would research the issue through the Cemetery Trustee’s records as well as the Codified Ordinances and Resolutions of the Village of Boston Heights and could then report at another time on the findings that pertained to the placement of headstones.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE A – 2008: AN ORDINANCE VERIFYING AND RATIFYING ALL ORDINANCES PASSED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2007, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 5-0; becomes Ordinance 1-2008.

RESOLUTION C – 2007: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) POLICE CRUISERS AND TO TRADE-IN FIVE (5) CURRENTLY OWNED POLICE CRUISERS TOWARD THE COST OF THE FIVE (5) NEW CRUISERS. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 5-0; becomes Resolution 3-2008.

RESOLUTION D – 2008: A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO THE VARIOUS COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 2008. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 5-0; becomes Resolution 4-2008.

RESOLUTION E – 2008: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR “DESIGN-BUILD” CONTRACTORS AS BIDDERS FOR THE ADDITION TO THE FIRE STATION. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 5-0; becomes Resolution 5-2008.

RESOLUTION F – 2008: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS TO ATTEND INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS FOR THE FIRE SERVICE COOPERATIVE ENHANCEMENT STUDY. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 5-0; becomes Resolution 6-2008.

A **MOTION** TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 2007 FINANCIAL REPORT WAS MADE AND PASSED.

A **MOTION** TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE COUNCIL MEETS ON FEBRUARY 13, 2008, FOR A ZONING CHANGE [SOIL REMOVAL], PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Teri Slane – had no report.

Mike Cheung - reported on the January 2, 2008 Planning and BZA Meeting.

- William Hinkle was elected Chairman of the BZA.
- John Codrea was elected as Chairman of the Planning Commission.
- The site plan for 6395 Chittenden Rd. was deferred to the 2-8-08 meeting.
- The same address A-1 Motors application was also continued to Feb. 8, 2008.
- Zoning code changes including parking requirements postponed to next meeting.

Scott Foss – had no report.

Jim Hudson - informed attendees that the service department continued brush and leaf pickup, maintenance of equipment and snow plowing and salting as necessary.

Janet Miller – had no report.

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