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BOSTON TOWNSHIP

The Township minutes are posted on our website at www.bostontownship.org and outside the fiscal office at the Boston Township Hall. Trustee meetings are the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Zoning commission meets the second Tuesday of the month and the Board of Zoning Appeals meets the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Thank you, Jerry Ritch!: Trustees Amy Anderson and Randy Bergdorf would like to thank Jerry Ritch for his twelve years of service to the township as a trustee. We greatly appreciated the opportunity to work with him and wish him the best in the future.

Road Department: The trustees thanked Road Superintendent Ron Adams for his handling of the season's first snow event. Special mention was also extended to the Peninsula Village Road Department for much appreciated assistance.

Zoning Updates: The Zoning Commission continues to work with Mark Majewski of Northstar Planning regarding text amendments to the Business Corridor. Currently under discussion are changes to the zoning text regarding properties in the area of Seasons Road. In order to give applicant EBS Construction, LLC more time to properly prepare a site plan regarding the property at 5079 Akron-Cleveland Road, the BZA issued a continuance until the January 23, 2018 meeting. At a hearing held on November 28, the trustees voted to approve two minor changes to the township's zoning ordinance. The township is in the process of reviewing the chart of zoning fees. Comparisons are being made to surrounding communities. The trustees are still looking for one alternate person for each of the two zoning boards. In addition to helping to provide a quorum, the alternates can gain knowledge of the zoning process in preparation for a full appointment should an opening arise. If

anyone is interested in discussing a position as an alternate to one of the zoning boards, please contact one of the trustees.

Trash Contract: The trustees did not receive any bids for the trash contract, which is set to expire at the end of January. The bidding process will be repeated with legal ads in The Plain Dealer.

Opioid Lawsuit: The trustees voted to be named additional plaintiffs in the suit brought by Summit County against certain opioid manufacturers.

Mini Tree Thank You: For the third year, the trustees have sponsored a mini tree in the display held at the Peninsula Library. This year's theme, "A Nightmare Before Christmas," was greatly enhanced by the artistic efforts of Melissa Mitchell who hand-painted the ornaments.

REMEMBERING: John Lahoski: December 19, 2005.

WEBSITE: Visit our Website at www.bostontownship.org to find up-to-date Township information. Contact numbers for the Trustees: Amy Anderson: 330-657-2439, Randy Bergdorf: 330-655-5698, and Jerry Ritch: 330-657-2015.

Fiscal Officer: Catherine Anson at 330-657-2059; Road Department: Ron Adams: 330-657-2600; and Zoning Inspector: John Schneider at 330-657-2601 or 234-900-9145.

PENINSULA COUNCIL

Village of Peninsula Council December 15, 2017 Council Meeting. [Note: The regularly scheduled Council meeting for Monday December 11, 2017 was rescheduled for Friday December 15, 2017 due to Council members out sick and lack of quorum.]

Resolutions passed:

- 23-2017 Resolution establishing the Village Wastewater Service District [passed unanimously]

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EDITORIAL AND PRODUCTION STAFF: Diane and Ray Hach, Marty Griffith, Joanne Palicka, and Father John Terzano. CIRCULATION: Diane and Ray Hach. PUBLISHER: Jack Harley. We welcome your submissions to Your Community News. Concise letters to the editor are more likely to be published; we suggest 300 words or less. Letters must be signed to be printed and may be edited due to space limitations. On-line submissions must include name, address, and telephone number. Please mail to 6780 Riverview Road, Peninsula OH 44264. You may also call 330-657-2439. Preferably, please email to AmyZ1028@aol.com. If using email, please send it as an attachment using Microsoft Word. Information must be received by the tenth of the month to be included in that month's issue. Your Community News is published monthly except in January and August. Opinions stated may not reflect those of the editorial or production staff of Your Community News. Your Community News is now on-line at <http://www.ycn-online.net>.

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- 24-2017 Ordinance establishing Chapter 931 of the codified ordinances relating to a Village Wastewater Service District monthly sewer fee [passed unanimously]
- 35-2017 Resolution authorizing the mayor and Fiscal officer to renew the Village Agreement with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio for indigent representation in the Stow Municipal Court [passed unanimously]
- 36-2017 Resolution authorizing holiday bonuses for certain categories of full-time, part-time, and auxiliary employees. [Note: this resolution was amended to remove the minimum 400 hours worked per year. Ordinance with amendment passed unanimously]
- 37-2017 Resolution to make temporary appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village for the period January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018. [passed unanimously]
- 39-2017 Resolution supporting the Peninsula Foundation's efforts to obtain funding from the State of Ohio Capital Appropriations bill for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 to improve the ADA accessibility of the G.A.R. Hall. [passed unanimously]

Service Department: Council approved our seasonal employees, Dave Morehouse and Doug Aspenwall, for another 6-month term.

Wastewater Update: Ordinance 23-2017 and 24-2017 establishes our Village Wastewater District and a monthly sewer fee of \$15 per month per user, and will begin starting April 2018. Establishing both the Wastewater District and a monthly sewer fee is a requirement when applying for funding as we take our next steps towards a Village wastewater solution. Residents who would like to verify if they are within the Wastewater Service District and subject to the monthly sewer fee starting April 2018, please contact Fiscal Officer, John Stiegel at 330-657-2151.

Council President, Dan Schneider: Mr. Schneider gave a "Thank you!" to all of Council for the many projects and initiatives that Council has accomplished these last few years. Mr. Schneider gave special acknowledgement to: Mike Matusz on his efforts for the Service Department and his

special efforts on the resurfacing of Stine Road, Carol Kramer for her work on the Employee Handbook revisions and the Long Range Plan Committee, Dee Holody and Mary Booth for their work on the Village wastewater initiative and with ODOT to replace our sandstone sidewalks, and Pam Schneider for her continued support of the Village Police Department and their needs. **Mayor Mayer and Village Council send you all warm wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Contact Phone Numbers:
 Non-emergency Police and Fire: 330-657-2911
 Mayor's Office 330-657-2151
 Fiscal Office/Zoning 330-657-2714
 Road Department 330-657-2089

Check the website www.villageofpeninsula-oh.gov, Library, Post Office, Village Hall, Terry Lumber, and the Fire Station for postings.

SHARE - A – CHRISTMAS THANKS

For twenty years the Boston Township trustees have sponsored Share-A-Christmas. We would like to thank our community for making it possible to help so many of our residents. Much gratitude to the following for monetary donations: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sergi, Michael and Liz Matusz, Anne Matusz, Tinka and Dave Short, Melissa and Charles Mcglone Farone, Bob and Shoshana Wodzisz, Elements Gallery, and the Woodridge High School Student Government.

The following provided food donations: Dan and Janice Schneider, Gretchen Gallimore, the employees of the Conservancy for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Johnna Vineyard and the Woodridge High School students, Mike Zorena and the Saint Vincent DePaul Akron chapter, and the Peninsula Police Department.

We were again able to provide bags of soaps, personal items and paper products for each family. Our thanks to the members of the Peninsula United Methodist Church for making this possible. We received an overwhelming amount of soaps, body washes, and tooth brushes and tooth paste. Members of PUM also provided gloves, hats, scarves (many handmade) and a monetary donation. Your generosity is overwhelming. Thank you to Charlene Cooper for coordinating this effort. Thank you to the members of Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church for their giving tree items and food and non-perishables. There were an unbelievable number of gift cards as well. Each year we have been fortunate to receive many wonderful gifts from their parishioners. Thank you to Terry Lumber and the Peninsula Library for once again allowing us to place drop off boxes for food. Thank you to all of the members of our community who so generously donated at these locations. The Acme in Hudson went above and beyond to help. Their assistance is greatly appreciated. Last but not least, thank you to Charlene Cooper, Gloria Ritch, Diane Hach, Cathy Anson, and Tom Germain for helping pack all of the gifts and food. As always a big thank you to the members of Valley Fire and Rescue for their delivery services.

As a township, Share-A-Christmas is the best thing we do. We are so grateful to all who helped us make this possible.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2018.

Amy Anderson, Jerry Ritch and Randy Bergdorf

To the Editors:

I'd like to thank Danny Schneider for negotiation with our trash company to give seniors a discount on their trash bills!

As a senior, living alone – I found myself paying for weekly trash pick-up when in reality I only had enough trash to put out every two weeks. I did call the trash company and requested an every two week pickup but they refused stating “that was not part of Peninsula’s contract.”

I called the Schneiders and explained the problem, hoping they could help out with getting a break for those of us on a fixed income.

Lo and behold the new trash contract includes a senior citizen discount! Thanks so much Danny!

The Township should also get this benefit in their trash contract.

Theresa Cassidy Reinbolt

Editor’s note: For many years the township contract has included a bag option for those not needing unlimited service. This cost is discounted.

PENINSULA LIBRARY

Preschool story hour is Mondays and Thursdays beginning January 22 at 10am. Miss Chris will share stories, songs, finger-plays and fun for ages 3 and up. Please call to register!

Kids Valentines Crafts – Saturday, February 10, 10:30am-Noon. For ages 3 and up with a parent/guardian. Please call to register!

PENINSULA LIBRARY 75TH BIRTHDAY PARTY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

The Peninsula Library opened its doors for the first time on February 16, 1943 on the second floor of the Peninsula Village Town Hall. To commemorate that historic day, we are going to have a 75th Anniversary Birthday Party on Saturday, February 10, 2018. During the course of the day we will be having two programs:

Kids’ Valentines Craft Saturday, February 10 from 10:30AM to Noon

Hey, Kids! Stop in the library for a make and take Valentine’s Day craft! You love the library and we love our patrons, so come make a Valentine’s Day card for your family and friends. Please call to reserve a seat by Thursday, February 8 at 8 pm so we can be sure to have enough supplies on hand.

75th Birthday Open House Saturday, February 10 from 1:00PM to 4 pm

Join us for birthday cake, coffee, tea and hot chocolate as we commemorate the 75th Anniversary of our opening day with a stroll down memory lane. The “library family” photo albums will be available for reminiscing. As a gift to our patrons, bring in your overdue materials on February 10 and we will waive your fines! Also, attendees will be able to select a free book from the book sale room courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Join us for a day of fun and help us celebrate our 75th anniversary!

NEW ARRIVAL

Mick and Stephanie Donohew joyfully welcome Logan Cooper Donohew into the world! Born November 19, 2017 at 7 pounds, 13 ounces and 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Tom and Charlene Cooper.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you to all who attended Boston Township’s annual Christmas bazaar. Thanks to an increase in vendor participation we were able to add the road garage for more spaces.

The winner of our “Made in Ohio” raffle basket was Beth Puchalsky Jarrell.

Special thanks to Anne Matusz, Lynn Dowling from Yellow Creek Trading, and Caroline Birchenall for help with publicity. Thank you to my trustee counterparts Jerry Ritch and Randy Bergdorf with set up and take down help. Both helped vendors haul in their crafts. Special thanks to our road superintendent, Ron Adams and his lovely wife Chris who also helped with setting up the bazaar.

As always, many thanks to my daughter, Gretchen Gallimore, daughter-in-law Franca Hendryx, and my husband, Tom Germain for their assistance throughout the event.

Amy Anderson

2017-2018 SEASON’S GREETINGS FROM MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH

On behalf of Mother of Sorrows Parish, best wishes to everyone! In the midst of the cold and dark of winter comes this special time of the year. What can hinder the warmth and light to be found in the gift of hope and peace these days bring? Whether our thoughts are religious or secular or both, the joy of this season is made bright by the belief we share. All are invited and welcome to share in the Masses scheduled during the Christmas Season at Mother of Sorrows Church, 3064 South Locust Street, Peninsula, Ohio 44264: The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Eve, Sunday, at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm; Christmas Day, Monday at 8:30am and 11:00am; Feast of the Holy Family, Saturday, December 30 at 5:00pm, and on Sunday, December 31 at 8:30am, 11:00am; The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Monday, New Year’s Day, January 1, 2018 at 8:30am and 11am; Feast of the Epiphany, Saturday, January 6 at 5:00pm, and on Sunday, January 7 at 8:30am and 11:00am; Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Monday, January 8 at 8:30am.

For more information please call 330-657-2631 or visit www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org

Merry Christmas and New Year’s Blessings!

Father John Terzano

CONDOLENCES

William Hetzel passed away November 25, 2017 at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife Sandy, children Hedy Laverdiere, Lori Zuppe, Ryan, Christopher, John, Michael, and Willy, and six grandchildren.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to Edna Ratner who celebrated 89 years on December 8, 2017.

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Studio Joe produces hand-crafted, contemporary furnishings from locally sourced, select hardwoods- cherry, maple, and black walnut. All pieces are designed and built in Boston Township by Joe Griffith.

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WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Man's ring, size 10, 14 karat gold over sterling silver, 2 ½ karat cubic zirconia. \$20. Seven inch digital picture frame, new. Take pictures, insert card, enjoy. \$15. Call Dave at 330-338-9211 or 234-281-1172.

From the Editors: Have you used any of these services? We are asking for your feedback in rating them from one to five with five being excellent.

SERVICES

SONSHINE CLEANING SERVICE: Residential (including Apartments), Commercial, Offices, Floors, Walls, Windows, Bathrooms, etc. \$10 off first cleaning and \$10 off for every referral that uses us. Three hour minimum please. Please contact Claudia Norris at (440) 915-9957. Local references available.

HOMECARE: For all your homecare needs call Robin Shrader at 330-606-8503. Accessible Home Health Care. Medicare and most insurances accepted. Look us up at www.AccessibleAkron.com

LICENSED ELECTRICIAN- Peninsula resident. Great rates/Quick service. Call Steve at 330-310-1061. Ohio license #EI22934.

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YCN reader rating of 5, multiple community comments.

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YCN reader rating of 5, reporter has used this service multiple times.

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YCN reader rating of: 5 Star Rating! I have used Carolyn to frame, reframe, and repair all sorts of art for me and she does a professional job.

YCN reader rating of: 5 Star Rating! Wonderful work and very creative. Highly recommended.

SAWMILL SERVICE: From firewood to tree removal, all the way to decks, porches, & more. We do it all, give me a call! Wells Construction/S & S Sawmill, Seth, (330) 352-0210.

YCN reader rating of 5, reporter very pleased with services.

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