

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

January 22, 2013

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on January 22, 2013. Those in attendance were Trustees Diane Dillon, Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Bill Hahn, and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2013-018 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to accept the minutes of January 8, 2013. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The "deaf child" sign has been installed on Rootstown Road. Bill said the resident sent a thank you card for putting up the sign.

Bill informed the resident on Rootstown Road that the Township will not reimburse her for her mail box. He said she understood.

The grates for the garage floor arrived and the crew will install them this week.

Bill has began ordering new road signs for the Township.

Bill presented the Board a property damage policy for them to review.

Bill reported the road bond for Loretta Drive has been completed by the County Engineer.

Bill is having difficulty e-mailing the resident who reported his curb damaged from the snow plow. He said it is the homeowner's responsibility from the edge of the road to the home. Joe will e-mail the resident.

Bill reported Jim is still having issues with his computer. They are trying to find the electrical issues in the office.

Cemetery

There were no funerals since the last meeting.

Park

The park is closed for the season.

Bill believes Mitchell Begue's brother is interested in opening and closing the park. The Board asked Bill to confirm.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

Brett reported the following:

There were no permits issued or violation letters sent.

The dishwasher has been installed at the rental house.

The chairperson for the Zoning Board of Appeals is Troy Cutright and the Vice Chairperson is Jennifer Miles.

The chairperson for the Zoning Commission is Karen Henry and the Vice Chairperson is George Tishma. Brett said they were discussing to having more community input for zoning on the web site.

The Board discussed the possibility of Jim inputting the pavilion rentals on the Township web site so residents can view. Residents would still need to schedule by contacting Jim Mahood.

After discussion with the two zoning boards they have decided to invite Chris Meduri to the Joint Board Meeting. The Trustees agreed.

Diane asked Brett the status of the exemption regarding the sale of the land on Tallmadge Road. Brett will check with Chris Meduri.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Diane reported the following:

Diane said after discussion with Chris Meduri he suggested sending a letter to the Water Board regarding the fire hydrants the Township are to maintain. Diane drafted a letter and the Board signed it.

JoAnn received a letter from Mayor Bica, City of Ravenna regarding the change in the Portage County 9-1-1 plan and identifying the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Diane will have Chief Palmer investigate.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2013-019 - Motion by Brett Housley and seconded by Joe Paulus to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

JoAnn informed the Trustees that there is an issue with the State computer system; until it is fixed there will not be any payments made at this time.

The Board discussed the option of the Road Crew having the day after Thanksgiving instead of Columbus Day.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Norm Reynolds was present asking if the Board made a decision regarding obtaining a contract or some sort of verification for use of the Town Hall. Bill gave the Board a copy of the current agreement for the Board to review.

Roger Carpenter was presented and asked for clarification of what is posted on the sign at the Town Hall. Brett said we are asking for volunteers for the zoning boards. Mr. Carpenter said is should specify which Board and it also says volunteer and the Trustees say the members are paid; the zoning book says they do not. Brett said he would investigate and if Mr. Carpenter is interested in being on a Board to submit a letter of interest.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Diane attended the Muzzy Lake meeting last week and possible solutions were discussed.

Brett spoke to Mr. Epling regarding the railroad quiet zone and he was disappointed the Trustees are not moving forward at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe will be attending the Senior Officials Workshop sponsored by the Portage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management on Friday, February 1, 2013.

Joe reported the State has altered the Sign Reflectivity Program deadline to be completed as township resources are available.

Resolution No. 2013-020 - Motion by Brett Housley to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Housley, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer