MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
January 27, 2015

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on January 27, 2015. Those in attendance were Trustees David McIntyre, Linda Hankins and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Road Superintendent Bill Hahn, Zoning Inspector Mark Tirpak, Zoning Administrative Assistant Jordan Michael and Trustees Administrative Assistant Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2015-020 – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to accept the minutes of January 13, 2015. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Linda reported the following:

The fire department is currently on auto response with Edinburg Township.

The tanker truck has been repainted and is waiting to be rust proofed.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Road Crew replaced the transmission pan on the F550.

Two (2) loads of salt have been delivered. Bill said we received 2/3 of our total order.

Cemetery

There were no funerals since the last meeting.

Park

Bill asked if the Trustees are ready to move forward with ordering stones for the pond at the park. Bill received a quote from Valentine's Trucking for stone and Winter's Excavating offered to haul the stones for $8.00 a ton. Bill said this would alleviate the wear and tear on the Township trucks.

Resolution No. 2015-021 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to purchase 110 tons of stones for the pond at the park from Valentine's Trucking at $12.00/per ton (not to exceed $1,320.00). The Board also agreed to hire Winter's Excavating to haul the stones to the park at $8.00/per ton at an amount not to exceed $800.00. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Dave received a compliment from a resident on Herriff Road on how good the Road Crew is doing with the removal of snow from the roads.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

The meeting Mark, Joe and Chris Meduri had with NEOMED regarding zoning went very well. NEOMED agreed to work with zoning on sign placement. Also, if they decide to build a plaza in front of NEOMED it would not be tax exempt. The portion of the Wellness Center may be taxed.

Jordan spoke to Chris Meduri, Portage County Prosecutor's Office regarding placing a windmill in the pond at the park. Chris said it is not required, but he strongly encourages the Trustees to go through Zoning Board of Appeals. This is a conditional use permit.

Mark recommended the Trustees request the Zoning Commission to re-zone a portion of the NEOMED property from residential to commercial.

Resolution No. 2015-022 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to request the Zoning Commission Board to consider rezoning the front portion of NEOMED from Residential (R-2) to Commercial (C-2). Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Julie will send a letter to the Zoning Commission.

Joe gave JoAnn a resignation letter from Karen Henry of the Zoning Commission.

Jordan gave JoAnn a Zoning Book.

The AT&T internet issues are still ongoing.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2015-023 - Motion by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

JoAnn received an invoice from the Regional Planning Commission for work they conducted for the text amendment review in an amount of $413.51. Joe spoke to Todd Peetz and he verbally said these hours would be covered and we would not receive an invoice. Joe will contact Mr. Peetz.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mike Kerrigan of NEOMED presented information to the Trustees regarding the International Town-Gown Association (ITGA). Mr. Kerrigan said NEOMED is planning on joining the association and asked if the Trustees would be interested. The yearly fee is $800.00 and the cost would be split. The Trustees agreed to review the information.

Mr. Kerrigan said NEOMED had a good meeting with DB Hartt regarding the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Stephanie Farkash of the Rootstown Soccer Club was present to ask if they could use the fields at the park at the south side of the pavilions. The Board agreed to move forward. Joe will update the lease agreement and liability form.

Brett Housley was present and thanked the Road Crew for doing a great job on the roads this winter.

Rob Swauger of the Zoning Commission asks if they could have a larger zoning map. Mr. Swauger asked Todd Peetz of Regional Planning and he has not returned his call. Joe suggested he contact DB Hartt or CT Consultants. Mr. Swauger also asked if there was any more information regarding the names of the representatives of Muzzy and Sandy Lake Associations. Joe believes at the joint meeting several months ago the Associations were asked to contact Karen Henry via email. Joe will call her.

John Brovarone was present to inform the Trustees and citizens of the chemicals that are in toxic waste. Mr. Brovarone gave packets to the Trustees and residents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joe, Rob Swauger and Troy Cutright will be interviewing for the Zoning Boards. Four (4) applicants have applied.

The Portage County Township Association Meeting is Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Rootstown United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM. Linda said Sicliano's had the best price for catering. Linda asked the Youth Group at the church if they would be willing to serve.

Joe indicated Chris Meduri reviewed the lease agreement with the Historical Society. Joe will get the Society to sign and bring back at the next Trustee meeting for their signature.

Joe updated the Hot Stove lease agreement. He will get them to sign and bring it to the next meeting for the Trustees signature.

Resolution No. 2015–024 - Motion by Dave McIntyre to adjourn at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave McIntyre, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer