

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FEBRUARY 12, 2013

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on February 12, 2013. Those in attendance were Trustees Diane Dillon, Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, John Gordon, Bill Hahn and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2013-021 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to accept the minutes of January 22, 2013. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Bill reported the shower at the rental house is leaking again. The Board asked Bill to contact English Plumbing who fixed it before.

Bill received the following quotes for tires on the 2006 backhoe.

Kaufmann Tires	\$ 2,202.00
Flynn's Tires	\$ 2,249.00
Defer Tire	Do not carry
Ziegler Tire	\$ 1,443.00 (they install/cost for disposal of old tires)

Resolution No. 2013-022 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to purchase 4 tires for the 2006 backhoe from Ziegler Tire in an amount not to exceed \$ 1,500.00. Ziegler Tire will install the new tires and dispose of the old tires. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

Bill said they just met the minimum salt order for the year.

The Board agreed to hire Portage Portable Toilets, Inc. to place two (2) handicap and two (2) regular portable toilets at the park for the 2013 park season in an amount not to exceed \$130.00/each.

Bill spoke to Bob Renner from the County Engineer's Office who is working on the road bond for Loretta Drive. He will forward a copy when it is completed.

CEMETERY

There was one full burial since the last meeting.

The map station had to be relocated because it was on a burial plot.

Mr. Begue's other son has agreed to open/close the park. Bill will get his name for JoAnn.

Bill has been reviewing the mailbox policies that Brett e-mailed him. The Board received the agreement to move forward with the installation of a streetlight at the corner of Heron Creek Drive and Tallmadge Road.

Joe received a call from the school stating they can not turn in the cul-de-sacs because vehicles are parked there. Joe asked Bill if he installed the no parking signs. Bill said the signs will be installed by the end of the week. We are still waiting for the school to contact us about the effected cul-de-sacs.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

Brett reported the following:

There were two (2) acts of business.

There were no violations sent.

Brett discussed the e-mail he received from Todd Peetz, Portage County Regional Planning Commission regarding the grant he is investigating for Muzzy Lake. The Board asked Brett to contact Todd to see if he is using technical assistance hours on this project.

The Board discussed having the Joint Zoning Board Meeting on either April 4th or April 11th. Brett will contact Chris Meduri on his availability.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

John Gordon, Historian was present to inform the Trustees on October 20, 2013 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Fire Department. Mr. Gordon asks for the Trustees support with the activities that will be planned by the department.

Resolution No. 2013-023 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to support the Rootstown Fire Department in the 75th Anniversary Celebration. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

Diane said upon review of the letter received 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); Chief Palmer recommended not participating at this time.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2013-024 - Motion by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon 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 presented a revised Usage Agreement of Facilities.

Resolution No. 2013-025 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to adopt the Rootstown Township Usage Agreement of Facilities for the Town Hall, Swinehart Pavilion and Clara Root Pavilion as presented by JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

The Board agreed not to adopt the Portage County Solid Waste Management District plan until further discussion being held at the Portage County Township Association Meeting on Saturday. Brett and Joe will be attending the meeting.

Brett will not be attending the Portage County Regional Planning Meeting tomorrow. He said there is nothing on the agenda regarding Rootstown Township. Brett will be in contact with Todd Peetz.

RESIDENT'S COMMENT

John Epling and Larry Richards were presented to express their concern with the Boards decision to table the railroad quiet zone by not having the whistle blow. Mr. Epling gave the Board information from the Federal Railroad Association. He said installing lane crossings (barricades) would alleviate traffic from crossing the gates. Mr. Epling said he would get community support and have fund raisers to raise money. Brett said he is not in favor of the quiet zone due to liability issues. Many people walk on the tracks and the New Milford Café is by the tracks. We have been advised by our insurance company to not agree with the quiet zone because of the liability issues and to table the discussion to see what happens in other communities.

NEW BUSINESS

Diane reported Bruce Ahrens contacted her. He owns the mineral rights at the corner of State Route 44 and Bower Road and would like to donate the royalties to the Township. The Board agreed for Diane to get details from Mr. Ahrens.

Joe gave the Board a disk with the Employee Handbook draft for their review.

Employees are to use their comp time as they earn it.

Zoning members get a stipend payment but have the option to give it back to the Township.

Resolution No. 2013-026 - Motion by Brett Housley to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Housley, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer