

# MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

## February 23, 2016

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on February 23, 2016. Those in attendance were Trustees Linda Hankins, Joe Paulus and David McIntyre, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Road Superintendent Bill Hahn, Zoning Administrative Assistant Jordan Michael and Trustees Administrative Assistant Julie Gonzales.

**Resolution No. 2016-033** – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Dave McIntyre to accept the minutes of February 9, 2016. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Dave McIntyre, yea.

Mike Kerrigan, candidate for Portage County Commissioner was present to introduce himself to the Trustees and residents.

### FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Linda reported the following:

Chief Palmer is getting the final figures for the EMS.

### ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The two (2) dead trees at the cemetery were removed on Saturday.

Bill spoke to Jim Sterling of Beaver Excavating and once the Storm Water Prevention Plan is completed he will send it to Soil & Water for approval.

Bill received a quote to purchase fish for the pond.

**Resolution No. 2016-034** – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to purchase fish from Fender Fish Farm to stock the pond at the park in an amount of \$904.00. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Dave McIntyre, yea.

Bill's said his computer is not working. He received a quote from Hardparts. The Board agreed that the quote needs to be revised.

**Resolution No. 2016-035** – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus for the Road Superintendent to move forward with the purchase of a desk top computer and monitor for the Road Department in an amount not to exceed \$750.00. The software will be purchased at a later date. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Dave McIntyre, yea.

## **ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT**

There was one (1) permit issued for a home addition.

**Resolution No. 2016-036** – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to set a public hearing for Zoning Amendment 2015-015-Occupancy Permits and 2015-016-Burnt Damage Structures for March 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Dave McIntyre, yea.

The zoning map that Regional Planning prepared will be posted on the Township website.

## **FISCAL OFFICER**

**Resolution No. 2016-037** - Motion by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Dave McIntyre, yea.

## **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Ralph Paulus of Lynn Road was present and asked Bill if the grit that gets put on the berm of the road will be removed? Bill said the crew will broom it off once it becomes too heavy. Mr. Paulus asked if there was a catch and release sign posted at the park pond. Bill said there was. Mr. Paulus requested a crosswalk sign be posted from NEOMED to the high school. The Board suggested he contact ODOT. Mr. Paulus asked if all railroad crossing in the township will be a "quiet zone". Dave said not necessarily. After the Board meets with the railroad we will have more information.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Trustees are still waiting on the revised agreement from the Prosecutor's Office regarding curb-side recycling.

The Township signed a 5-year plan with the Portage County Solid Waste Management District for recycling services, but not for curb-side recycling at this time.

Dawn McIntyre of Camp Road gave the Trustees and public information on Kimble Companies Summit County based recycling rates.

Linda said the price difference between Kimble Companies and Portage County is \$3.60 per year. It may be cheaper, but for the price difference she would like to keep the jobs in the county.

Bill Steiner, Solid Waste District Coordinator said most large trash haulers add charges on their rate, such as fuel surcharges, The Solid Waste does not.

Mr. Steiner said he currently has 19 employees who live in Portage County and one lives in Rootstown Township. The majority of the residents are in favor of the curbside recycling services.

Al Ballou asked if it protects the school and non-profit organizations recycling programs. Linda said it does protect the recycling programs within the township.

Gene Mazur of Sandy Lake Road asked if this program it will not affect the small trash companies in the county. Linda said residents have the option to choose who picks up their trash.

JoAnn received notification from Chris Meduri regarding the Broadway Road vacation. There are seven steps that are involved. JoAnn will review.

Linda said there is no new news with the railroad quiet zone.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dave and Bill met with Mr. Bosso regarding a road in Wintergreen Subdivision. They are negotiating a cost to bring to the Board.

#### **Park Commission**

Linda reported the schools and local business surveys will be out by the end of the week.

**Resolution No. 2016-038** – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to accept the resignation of Brenda Larussi from the Park Commission. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

Linda suggested moving an alternate to the vacant position on the Park Commission. The Board agreed. She will contact the alternates to see if one of them is interested.

There will be a Comprehensive Land Use Plan Public Meeting on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the High School Cafeteria.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be March 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-Noon at Grace Field.

**Resolution No. 2016-039** – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Dave McIntyre for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move into executive session at 6:30 PM to discuss sale of property and personnel-discipline. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

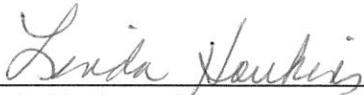
**Resolution No. 2016-040** - Upon conclusion of the above referenced discussion a motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move out of executive session at 7:23 PM. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

**Resolution No. 2016-041** – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and due for a lack of a second the motion fails to remove a member of the Park Commission.

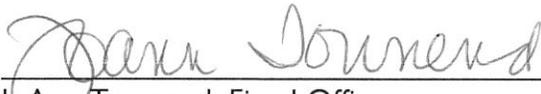
**Resolution No. 2016-042** – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to process a disciplinary action letter to a member of the Park Commission. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

**Resolution No. 2016-043** - There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, Chairperson Hankins adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Linda Hankins, Chairperson



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JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer