

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

February 24, 2015

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on February 24, 2015. Those in attendance were Trustees David McIntyre, Linda Hankins and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Road Superintendent Bill Hahn, Zoning Administrative Assistant Jordan Michael and Trustees Administrative Assistant Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2015-031 – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to accept the minutes of February 10, 2015. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Linda reported the following:

Chief Palmer would like to purchase two tablets for the dispatch for EMS. This would include the new programming at no charge. These will be put in both squads.

Resolution No. 2015-032 – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to purchase two (2) computer tablets for the dispatch for EMS from CDW in an amount not to exceed \$ 5,500.00. The new programming will be included at no charge. These tablets will be placed in each squad. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Bill received a letter of intent form Allstate Peterbuilt to purchase the International Truck for \$55,000.00. This offer is good for 30 days.

Resolution No. 2015-033 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to authorize to advertise for bids for a 2015 truck. Bill Hahn has specifications prepared. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Bill has been having issues with vehicles parking on the roads and they cannot plow snow. The crew issued several citations. Bill asked how many days they are required to give the resident to move the vehicles.

Bill will attend the Frank Gates Workers' Compensation Seminar on May 26th in Canton.

Cemetery

There were no funerals since the last meeting.

Park

The workers have not been working on the pond due to the weather.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Jordan made copy maps for the Zoning Commission.

Jordan said the Portage County Water Resources plan on installing a water plant on August Drive. Jordan asks if they are required to pull a permit. JoAnn will check.

Resolution No. 2015-034 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to update the Zoning Fee Schedule to include commercial and industrial occupancy permits. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-035 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to update the Zoning Application for Variance from Rootstown Zoning Board of Appeals form. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Joe and the chairman of the Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals interviewed four applicants who were interested on serving on the Boards.

Resolution No. 2015-036 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Dave McIntyre to appoint the following members to the Zoning Commission and to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Zoning Commission
Roger Carpenter (replacing Karen Henry's unexpired term) – Term Ending 12/31/15
Stanley Dannemiller, Alternate – Term Ending 12/31/15

Zoning Board of Appeals
Bob Stefanik, Alternate – Term Ending 12/31/15
Shaun White, Alternate – Term Ending 12/31/15

Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2015-037 - 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.

Bill Steiner and Dawn McIntyre – Portage County Solid Waste Management District

Mr. Steiner informed the Trustees that the Director of the Ohio EPA signed the Solid Waste Plan. Mr. Steiner explained the new EPA Plan Drop Off Location Changes that will occur at the New Milford Road Recycling Site.

There will be 2 types of containers one for “cardboard only” and “single stream”. The single stream recycling containers will allow residents to place 1-7 plastics, aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles, newspaper, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, cereal boxes, aseptic cartons (juice boxes) and office paper into once container. This will eliminate one pick up at the location.

The Solid Waste Plan will not be completed until 2016 calls for a study on the drop off program focusing on cost and revenue. They will be installing scales on their trucks to track the exact pounds of material placed into the containers at all drop off locations. The increase in participation and tonnage collected will play a crucial part in keeping the costs of the program as low as possible.

The chipper loan program has been eliminated from the program.

Director Steiner is working on sections of the new plan for the Townships creating an information packet concerning the changes. No changes will be made without a thirty day notice in the newspaper and the County website.

In the future, the Trustees may want to consider curb side recycling. This would cost a resident approximately \$25.00-\$30.00 per year. Dave suggested conducting a survey like the former Trustees did in the past. Mr. Steiner will email a sample survey for the Trustees to review.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rob Swauger was present asking the status of the re-zoning of NEOMED. The Zoning Department is still working on this project.

Resolution No. 2015-038 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to agree to join the International Gown Association jointly with NEOMED. The membership fee is \$800.00. The Trustees agreed to pay ½ or \$400.00. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

JEDD Exploratory Committee Discussion

Mike Kerrigan of the JEDD Committee gave the Trustees and residents a presentation of what a JEDD is and how it would benefit the Township.

A JEDD allows for an income tax only on those individuals that work within the district. It also assesses a tax on the net income of businesses within the district. These dollars collected are used for economic development programs and projects.

This would not impose an income tax on the residents of Rootstown. Only those employees and businesses that are included in the JEDD would be affected. Relocating the schools from their 36 acres could be a prime commercial and industrial space and could be the direct link to the "district". Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent of Rootstown Local Schools said they will have to do some research on this plan. He realizes the schools are in need of major renovation.

The JEDD Committee recommends the Trustees explore creating a JEDD with the City of Kent.

After extensive discussion the Trustees adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2015-039 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to begin negotiations with the City of Kent to see if the formation of a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) is possible. If discussions fail with the City of Kent the Trustees agreed to explore other avenues with either the City of Ravenna or Tallmadge. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Dave and some members of the JEDD Exploratory Committee will schedule a meeting with the City of Kent.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2015-040 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Dave McIntyre to appoint Linda Hankins as the Township affiliate to the Central Portage County Visitors Convention Bureau. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-041 - Motion by Dave McIntyre to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave McIntyre, Chairman



JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer