

# MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

## March 24, 2015

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

**Resolution No. 2015-053** – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to accept the minutes of March 10, 2015 to include the following amendment to the discussion/resolution regarding the Comprehensive Land Use Plan:

The Board discussed the Comprehensive Land Use Plan proposal as prepared by CT Consultants. Joe said the revised edition is \$59,000.00 from \$46,000.00. Mike Kerrigan of NEOMED said the university would cover the \$13,000.00 since the increase was because of them and any additional costs in the future made by NEOMED. Phase 2 of the plan, which will include character sketches and 3-D images as part of the plan will be paid solely by NEOMED.

**Resolution No. 2015-051** – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to hire CT Consultants to prepare the Comprehensive Land Use Plan in an amount of \$59,000.00. NEOMED will reimburse the Township \$13,000.00 of \$59,000.00. Phase 2 of the plan, which will include character sketches and 3-D images as part of the plan will be paid solely by NEOMED. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

5:30 PM - The following bids were open for a new truck for the Road Department:

Allstate Peterbuilt	\$ 85,013.00
Kenworth of Richfield	\$ 80,400.00
Valley Freightliner, Inc.	\$74,888.00

JoAnn said these bids are valid for 60 days.

### FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Palmer reported the department was recently evaluated by ISO for the structural fire suppression delivery system of our community. Resident's that live within 1000' of a fire hydrant are now a Class 3 area, dropping from a 4 rating. Resident's that live where there are no fire hydrants are now a Class 4 and previously were a Class 9.

The department will be participating in the Easter Egg Hunt at Gracie Field on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Lifelight will be landing at approximately 11:30 AM.

The ladders will have their annual testing done April 3<sup>rd</sup> which is required by NFPA.

They are completing the Workers Comp Grant to purchase new cots for the ambulances. Mike Pickens is putting the grant together. He will need to get final information from JoAnn before submitting.

Chief Palmer recommended purchasing seven (7) set of turnout gear for members. The cost per set is \$1,850.00. This includes pants and coat. The members current gear which they would like to replace was purchased in 2005 by a federal grant. There is no grant available now to purchase the gear.

Resolution No. 2015-054 – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to purchase seven (7) sets of turnout gear for the fire department from Warren Fire in an amount not to exceed \$1,850.00 per set. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Chief Palmer was contacted by the Portage County Water Resources Department stating that the oil separator needs to be serviced. Chief Palmer contacted Akron Canton Waste Oil to service the tank. Chief Palmer will have a price at the next meeting.

### ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Bill recommended the summer help begin April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Resolution No. 2015-055 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to hire Jesse Burns for the seasonal part-time Road Worker at a rate of \$12.00 beginning April 1, 2015 through the end of October. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Bill suggested the park open at a later date instead of April 1<sup>st</sup> since the driveway needs graded and they are having issues with removing the dock. The Board agreed to open the park April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Resolution No. 2015-056 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to purchase a 24' windmill to be placed at the pond for aeration in an amount not to exceed \$2,195.00 from Fender Fish Hatchery in Baltic, OH. The crew will pick up and install the windmill. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

There were no funerals since the last meeting.

Joe said the Township Signage Upgrade Grant has been returned and signed by the State. The township saved \$22,640.09.

Due to the construction of the park; the Trustees agreed to hold off in purchasing trees at this time.

### ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

There were six (6) acts of business.

Jordan gave Joe the list of resident's 500 feet from NEOMED.

Jordan asked if the Trustees wish to refund anyone who does not want to reserve the pavilion(s) due to the construction. The Board agreed to refund anyone wishing to cancel their reservation.

Jordan has been talking to Chris Meduri regarding the towing company.

The Trustees signed the Application for Zoning Map Amendment to rezone NEOMED from R-2 to C-2.

### FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2015-057 - 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 presented the Trustees a notice from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control of a request for a new liquor license for Angelo's Pizzeria. Mike Kerrigan of NEOMED spoke to the owner of Angelo's and said if the customer purchased a menu item they would deliver beer as well. The Trustees agreed to table this until the next board meeting.

### CITIZENS

Marion Gordon said she did not think it would be a good idea for Angelo's Pizzeria to deliver beer. It would be too easy for under age kids to get it.

Al Ballou said he remembers a while ago when everyone thought gas station selling beer was wrong. He thinks it would be the same for a pizzeria to sell beer.

Mike Kerrigan of NEOMED asked the Trustees whose email address they would like to use for the International Town Gown Association. The Board agreed to use all three of the Trustees.

John Gordon would like to thank Chief Chuck Palmer for all of his support. He is doing a great job.

John Brovarone was present to inform the Trustees and citizens of the health impacts of oil and gas activities. Mr. Brovarone gave packets to the Trustees.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The survey from Solid Waste Management District for the curbside recycling should be going out this week.

Resolution No. 2015-058 – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to sign the letter of commitment from the Portage County Commissioners to continue to provide recycling services by the Portage County Solid Waste Management

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

JoAnn will forward the commitment letter to the Solid Waste Management District.

Joe gave the Historical Society lease agreement to the president for signature and their payment.

There is no news to date regarding the JEDD.

The Hot Stove agreement has been signed and given to JoAnn.

### NEW BUSINESS

Linda spoke to Lori Wemhoff Portage County Central Visitors Bureau. Rootstown Township will now be included in numerous chamber booklets, handouts. One particular booklet will be in all hotels as far as Cincinnati. Mike Kerrigan added that they will also be placed in rest areas as well.

The Park Committee will meet tomorrow at 6:00 PM. Jordan will take the minutes.

Resolution No. 2015-059 – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move into executive session at 6:45 PM to discuss personnel compensation. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-060 - Upon conclusion of the above referenced discussion a motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move out of executive session at 7:41 PM. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

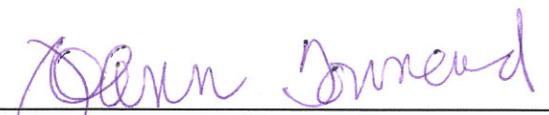
After exiting Executive Session, the Trustees adopted the following resolution.

Resolution No. 2015-061 – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to adjust the salary for Charles Palmer, Fire Chief to \$70,000.00. The funding will be allocated from the EMS Fund effective May 1, 2015. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-062 - Motion by Dave McIntyre to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dave McIntyre, Chairman

  
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JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer