

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

May 28, 2013

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on May 28 9, 2013. Those in attendance were Trustees Diane Dillon, Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, Bill Hahn and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2013-081 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to accept the minutes of May 14, 2013. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The following bids were open for the new truck for the Road Department:

Cleveland Peterbuilt, LLC	\$ 84,400.00
Kenworth of Richfield	\$ 79,991.00

Resolution No. 2013-082 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to award the truck bid to the lowest bidder contingent on the approval by the Portage County Prosecutor's Office. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

Bill will take the bids to the Prosecutor's Office for review.

Bill reported the gravel for the chip and seal is at the lot.

The Ford truck has been repaired by CTR. It was approximately \$200.00 less than estimated.

Bill gave the Trustees the RUMA for Loretta Drive for their review and signature.

The locks for the Town Hall and Fire Department are in. Joe will set up the software on the laptop.

Cemetery

There were no funerals since the last meeting.

Park

Bill reported the ladies from Key Bank stained ½ of the dock at the park. The summer help from Portage County Family & Community Services will complete it. Two gentlemen

will be working three days a week from 9AM – 3PM. They will be staining benches, re-painting the speed bumps and weed eating. Diane reminded Bill about extending the walking trails.

Bill reported the dock has been repaired.

Marybeth Corrigan who lives on Forest Glen Trail off of Sandy Lake Road asked why Sandy Lake Road is chip and sealed. The Board informed her that is a County road and she would have to contact the County Engineer's Office.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

Brett reported the following:

There were two (2) acts of business.

A violation letter was sent to the resident on Homestead Road.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Diane reported the following:

Chief Palmer has been researching an upgrade the radios in the trucks.

Chief Palmer and Bill Hahn has been reviewing the list of fire hydrants that need repaired.

Resolution No. 2013-083 - 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.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Several residents from Forest Glen Trail were present to express their concern of the numerous pot holes on their road. They ask if Forest Glen is on the list to be re-paved.

Dave Rude of Forest Glen Trail gives kudos to the Road Crew for plowing the roads. Mr. Rude said there is a lot of deterioration of the road. He would like his road on the list to resurface. Joe said the heavily traveled roads are first on the list, not to mention limited funding.

Jimmy Corrigan said the Road Crew filled most of the pot holes, but did not fill the biggest one on the road. Mr. Corrigan said he filled it with gravel and has been sweeping it back in the hole. Bill said he was not aware they did not fill all the holes but will fix it tomorrow. Mr. Corrigan asked if there are grants available to resurface roads. Brett said there are Issue 2 monies available that the Township applies for, but there is also a match that the

Township has to pay. The Road Crew evaluates the roads every year and chooses the road(s) that need repaired the most and are also heavily traveled.

Tammy Lemley of Hattrick Road asks why the Township chip and sealed Hattrick Road in the fall then in the winter the snow plow threw the gravel and tar off the road. Bill said they realize that is a problem and the contractor has agreed to repair Hattrick Road.

Several residents of Lynn Road were present to express their concern of the re-zoning portion of Lynn Road from residential to commercial.

Jim Rykaceski of Lynn Road is in the process of selling their house and was informed by the prospective buyer that there is a clause in the zoning laws that if there were any kind of damage to the homes, they could only be rebuilt to 50 percent of their value. Mr. Rykaceski applied for a variance and will be attending the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Brett said he spoke to the Township's legal counsel and advises that a letter of intent would not be allowed. The best route is applying for a variance; which is the route Mr. Rykaceski is doing. Joe agrees that applying for a variance would be the quickest route.

Cindy Kunicki of Lynn Road said when she bought her house in 2006 it states on the Portage County Auditor's website that her house was zoned residential, but in the Township zoning reads it is commercial. She was never informed of the change and a letter should have been mailed to residents. Diane said protocol is that a letter is sent to the affecting residents.

Tom Nader of Lynn Road said in 2008 he built a shed and contacted the zoning inspector and obtained a permit, he was told at first he could only build a certain size and then later was told he could have any size. At that time, the zoning inspector should have told him he was zoned commercial.

Brad Filer, prospective buyer of Rykaceski's house asks how long does a variance take? Brett said it would be the quickest route and believes after the minutes are adopted they could move forward. Diane said the Trustees have no input to variance applications. The Zoning Board of Appeals has their own criteria they have to meet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Trustees received information from John Valarinos of 4608 Prospect Rd., Ravenna OH regarding vacating land on Prospect Road. Brett will forward the information to Chris Meduri.

Diane asked the Board if they would like her to move forward in obtaining a list of electricians to install electric at the park. The Board agreed, but will hold off on the restrooms until a park plan is established.

Brett contacted Sean Sprouce, Burnham and Flowers regarding the Obamacare plan that will be in effect soon. Sean said there will be webinar's available. Diane said Chief Palmer is talking with Sean for the fire station employees.

Diane said the deadline to review the Hot Stove agreement has expired for this year. Joe said the Hot Stove agreement renews every year until it expires in 2015, unless either side wants changes. She reminded the Board to remember to review it next year.

Resolution No. 2013-084 - Motion by Joe Paulus to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Housley, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer