

# MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

## June 23, 2015

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on June 23, 2015. Those in attendance were Trustees David McIntyre, Linda Hankins and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Chief Charles Palmer, Zoning Inspector Mark Tirpak, Zoning Administrative Assistant Jordan Michael and Trustees Administrative Assistant Julie Gonzales.

**Resolution No. 2015-097** – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to accept the minutes of June 9, 2015. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Dr. Jay Gershen, President of NEOMED was present to update the Trustees on the future of the NEOMED Campus. Dr. Gershen handed out a map of the campus that showed existing buildings as well as additional buildings. The map included The Education and Wellness NEW Center, The Village, which will house 300 residents by fall; and the research building that was completed two years ago. By 2030, there will be a medical office building, a fourth student housing structure, administration building and four new research buildings.

The construction of athletic fields could include two basketball and two tennis courts, a large soccer field, and a retail complex with eateries.

The Portage County District Library will install a vending machine in the NEW Center to allow residents to borrow books from the library.

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, NEOMED will form its own police force. There will be one officer on campus at all times.

NEOMED will also open a primary care physician practice.

There are plans of a retail pharmacy and they hope in the next couple months to have the plans finalized.

NEOMED will also continue several programs including the Sequoia Wellness Program, movie nights, Bio-Med Science Academy and Farmers Market.

Dr. Gershen thanked the Trustees for their collaboration in the Joint Economic District (JEDD) and looks forward to the final proposal.

### FIRE CHIEF REPORT

**Resolution No. 2015-098** – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to place a 2.85 mill renewal levy on the ballot for November 2015 election. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Chief Palmer reported they will be burning down three houses on Tallmadge Road beginning mid August.

Chief Palmer will be attending the Swearing-In Ceremony for the NEOMED Police Chief.

### ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dave reported the following:

The Road Crew has been crack sealing some of the roads. They are working 4 - 10 hour days.

The Road Crew asked if they could have off Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> instead of Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Fourth of July holiday. The Board agreed.

### ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

There were six (6) acts of business.

Jordan gave the Board copies of the proposed amendments to the zoning resolution.

The Zoning Department has not used the laptop yet.

Jordan is still working on organizing the old files in the Zoning Department.

### FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2015-099 - 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.

Resolution No. 2015-100 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to suspend the reimbursement to employees of health insurance premiums because they may have with another employer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-101 – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Dave McIntyre to set a public hearing for the 2016 tax budget on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at the Town Hall. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bob Moser owner of Rootstown Storage was present requesting permission to build additional storage units along the lot line of the Old Cemetery. Mr. Moser presented building plans to the Trustees. The building would be enclosed and there would be no access to the cemetery from the storage units. Joe asked during the construction if there would be building

equipment, etc. on the cemetery. Mr. Moser said the construction would take place from the inside out. There would be no material or equipment on the cemetery.

**Resolution No. 2015-102** – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to allow Mr. Bob Moser, owner of Rootstown Storage located on Kenneth Drive to build an additional storage building at the east side along the lot line of the Old Cemetery. The Board agreed that Mr. Moser must obtain the necessary building and zoning permits as required. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Jason Opritza of the Soccer Club was present requesting use of the fields south of the pavilion for U10 soccer teams. Joe believes that due to the reconstruction of the pond, etc at the park it would not be a good idea for the club to use the park fields this season. The Board agreed. Mike Kerrigan of NEOMED may have space at the campus for the soccer teams to play.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2015-103** – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Dave McIntyre to approve the layout of the park master plan and move forward to send it to the architects. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, abstained, Joe Paulus, yea.

Joe heard from numerous residents that they did not receive the recycling survey mailed by the Portage County Solid Waste District. Mike Kerrigan said he did not receive one, but contacted the District for them to send him one. JoAnn will ask Director Steiner for a tally of the surveys.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Joe suggested having an open forum on the Township website for residents to have the opportunity to ask questions.

Joe received a letter from Stallion Oilfield Services notifying us that they are applying for a reissuance of a permit to continue a salt water injection well. It states to contact the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to comment. Joe will contact ODNR for specific details.

**Resolution No. 2015-104** - Motion by Dave McIntyre to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dave McIntyre, Chairman

  
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JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer