

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

June 24, 2014

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on June 24, 2014. Those in attendance were Trustees Joe Paulus, Linda Hankins and David McIntyre, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Chief Charles Palmer, Road Superintendent Bill Hahn and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2014-096 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to accept the minutes of June 10, 2014. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, David McIntyre, abstained.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The crew completed most of the crack sealing. This should be done by the end of the week, weather permitting.

Bill is having road issues with several developments. When the developer installed the roads, the sub-base was not of a good quality and now the roads crumbling. He has been in contact with Anthony from the County Engineer's Department. Joe also spoke to the County and wonders why the Township has to accept the road if a developer is using cheap material. Is it the Township's responsibility to repair a road which is only a few years old? Joe suggested sending a letter to Chris Meduri to see what recourse the Township has.

The summer laborer started on Monday and is doing well.

Bill spoke to Morton Salt and they will be delivering the 300 tons of salt we ordered for their summer program.

Cemetery

Bill met with NEOMED; they will be burying their vault of the people who donated their bodies to the college on July 14th.

There were no funerals since the last meeting.

Park

Bill said there is 615 feet from the pond to the creek. James Bierlair from Portage County Soil & Water Conservation suggested a 10" perforated pipe. He also suggested a one time work easement with the homeowner (Curt Wise); this would leave the Township no obligation in the future.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

Joe reported:

Resolution No. 2014-097 – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Dave McIntyre (*) to hire Jordan Michael as Administrative Assistant for the Zoning Department at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, 20 hours per week. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, David McIntyre, yea.

(*) Trustee McIntyre agreed to second the motion based on information provided by Trustee Paulus.

Joe said he asked Mark to look into a call regarding possible hazardous material in a drum at Sanford and Tallmadge Roads and another at Rootstown and Tallmadge Roads.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Palmer reported NEOMED passed their inspection on buildings 1 and 3. They are still maintaining a fire watch in building 2 until the middle of July. They did a walk through of the Wellness Center; the tentative opening date is the middle of August for this area.

The following is a breakdown for April 2014 EMS ambulance billing:

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| Billed Amount: | \$33,324.00 |
| Collected Amount: | \$11,385.17 |
| Year to date Billed | \$130,507.00 |
| Year to date Collected: | \$62,860.24 |

The year to date difference is \$44,495.00 compared to last year.

The Fire Company picnic is Sunday at 2:00 PM. Dinner will be at 4:00.

The annual pump tests were conducted on the trucks. They will be sending them for the annual preventive maintenance next month. Chief Palmer is still waiting for quotes to paint the tanker.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2014-098 - Motion by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, David McIntyre, yea.

Resolution No. 2014-099 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to set a public hearing for the 2015 tax budget on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at the

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joe contacted DB Hart and he is no longer in business for himself and now works at CT Consultants. Joe left a message for him to return his call. Joe said the update would take approximately one year to complete.

Bill heard there may be an apartment complex going in across from Homeland Cemetery. The property is zoned as V-C and a proposed apartment complex was looking to build there, but was unable to due to the current zoning resolution. Joe said the Zoning Commission sends proposed changes to the Regional Planning Commission then to the Trustees for approval or denial.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board received an email from Pastor Jason Moore of Passion Community Church regarding a "Day of Service" on Sunday, July 6th. During this day he and approximately 40 other people would like to do service projects in and around Rootstown. Bill suggested mulching the playground at the park. The Board agreed. Linda will contact a member of the church whom she works with to let them know.

Resolution No. 2014-100 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to purchase playground mulch for the park in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, David McIntyre, yea.

The Board discussed the numerous abandoned houses in the township. Joe will contact the Portage County Land Bank to get information. We can not spend public money on private property.

Resolution No. 2014-101 - Motion by Joe Paulus to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Paulus, Chairman



JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer