

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

June 26, 2012

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on June 26, 2012. Those in attendance were Trustees Diane Dillon, Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Chief Charles Palmer, Bill Hahn, Van Black, and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2012-098 – Motion was made by Brett Housley and seconded by Joe Paulus to accept the minutes of June 12, 2012. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Bill spoke to the Prosecutor's Office regarding putting a bid out for the chip and seal project. Chris advised that since the total project was over \$50,000; it needs to be bid out. Scott Miller from the County Engineer will process the bid books and should be completed during the first week in July.

The culvert pipe on Hattrick Road has been completed.

The road crew is currently repairing a sinkhole on the culvert because of a water easement that runs from Bird Drive to Herriff Road.

Joe asked Bill to check the sinkhole on Vaughn Avenue.

They are in the process of a second round of roadside mowing.

Bill took pictures for the township website. Diane asked Bill to take a couple pictures of the cemetery and the trucks in front of the garage.

Bill said Mr. Collins from Rootstown Schools contacted him regarding using the Township's backhoe to move grindings by the middle school. The Board agreed due to liability issues not to loan township equipment; but to offer the crew to move the grindings when time is available.

Cemetery

There were four (4) funerals which includes one (1) cremation.

Park

The benches were placed at each end of the pond.

Diane suggested putting trails around the playground in the fall.

Joe received a call from the Priest family informing him of how professional Bill Hahn was on handling the issue at the cemetery. They were very happy with the situation.

Bill reported the backflow meters have been tested.

The Board asked Bill to have a for sale sign made for the land located on Sapphire Lane (Stone Ridge Subdivision/formerly known as the Wischt property) to read:

6.949 acres of land for sale by Rootstown Township Trustees
Contact 330-325-7715
Sale date August 14, 2012 at 5:30 PM
Sealed Bids Only

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

Brett reported the following:

There were eight (8) acts of business.

- 2 fence
- 2 decks
- 1 shed
- 1 swimming pool
- 1 accessory building
- 1 single family home

There were four (4) violation letters sent.

The grass has been cut at Delphi.

Brett will discuss the township website with Jim again.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Palmer along with NEOMED has been reviewing their disaster planning resources and put together an agreement for use of the facility during a disaster.

The Fire Department has been awarded \$1,500.00 from the Department of Public Safety for EMS Training this year. This money will be used for paramedic training annually.

The firefighters will be having a golf outing at Suffield Springs Golf Course on Saturday, August 4th. They are creating a high school scholarship for a student that is interested in the fire or medical field.

The following is a breakdown for May 2012 non-resident ambulance billing:

Billed Amount:	\$34,694.00
Collected Amount:	\$3,984.38
Year to date Billed	\$86,683.90
Year to date Collected:	\$18,825.80

Chief Palmer reported a 200 amp solenoid in the cab area of the ambulance which has been repaired and is back in service.

The apparatus bay walls had been painted by the members last weekend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sean Sprouse from Burnham & Flowers will be attending the Trustee meeting on July 24th.

The Trustees discussed building a storage shed at the park for equipment. Bill said at this time they store the bat wing mower at the New Milford Road site he did not see a need for a storage shed at the park.

The Trustees reviewed employee job descriptions.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2012-099 - Motion by Brett Housley and seconded by Joe Paulus to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2012-100 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to set a public hearing for the 2013 tax budget on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

The Board discussed the employee policy manual. Joe and Brett will work together on revising it.

JoAnn gave the Trustees a packet from the Portage County Commissioners titled Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Program. This program is funded by the Ohio Attorney General's Office and assists communities in their economic recovery by removing blighted or abandoned structures.

Resolution No. 2012-101- Motion by Diane Dillon to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Dillon, Chairperson

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer