

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

July 10, 2012

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on July 10, 2012. Those in attendance were Trustees Diane Dillon, Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Bill Hahn, Jim Mahood and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2012-102 – Motion was made by Brett Housley and seconded by Joe Paulus to accept the minutes of June 26, 2012. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

The Trustees and department heads each gave an update on their goals for 2012.

Several members of the Zoning Commission were present to express their concerns regarding the lack of communication they have with the Trustees.

Diane reported the Rootstown Water Company vs. Rootstown Township Trustees Appeal Court date is scheduled for Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at the 11th District Court of Appeals. Chris Meduri is mailing the court document.

6:10 PM Trustee Housley left session

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The road crew has completed patching the roads that are scheduled to be chipped.

The bid books will be completed by the County Engineer for the chip and seal project by the end of the week or by the first of next week.

Bill reported the sinkhole in the easement that runs from Bird Development to Herriff Road has been repaired.

Diane asked how long it takes the crew to mow Gracie Field. Bill said they mow once a week and it takes approximately 1½. Diane reminded Bill that the crew is to mow only if they have time.

The road crew will be crack sealing a few more roads next week and also will be patching.

Joe received an invitation from Tina Hutchinson, Portage County Engineer's Office for an Ohio Public Works Infrastructure Program (formerly Issue 2) Round 27 Funding on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 1:30 PM at the Portage County Engineer's Office. Bill will be attending.

The sign for the "land for sale" has been completed.

Bill reported the Road Department will need to switch to narrow band radios in the near future. They have four radios and one handheld. Bill suggested Mitchell Communication.

Cemetery

There was one cremation since the last meeting.

Park

Bill said the trim on the pavilions will need to be stained before winter.

Bill and Jim reported the wall behind the toilet at the rental house is bowed. Bill did not see any leaks, but suggested hiring a plumber to investigate. The Board agreed to repair the wall and to also replace the toilet. Bill will contact a plumber.

Bill said they are currently patching a portion of Sanford Road but the other half needs chipped. The Board said it may not be in the budget for this year.

Joe has been in contact with Bill Madlem from Rootstown Water Company regarding their customer's trucks damaging August Drive while using the hydrant to fill up. Mr. Madlem said after discussion; the water board agreed not to repair the August Avenue. Discussion was made regarding installing a weight limit sign to eliminate the trucks from using it or close that portion of the road. Joe is interested in obtaining a road bond such as the ones we do with the well drillers.

Joe said John Epling contacted him regarding vacating John Smith Road. Mr. Epling owns property on both sides of the road and it is going to be auctioned. The Board is not interested in vacating John Smith Road.

Diane asked Jim if he received a copy of his revised job description. He had not – Diane gave him a copy.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

There were six (6) acts of business.

- 2-fence
- 1-shed
- 1-tear down
- 1-detailed garage
- 1-swimming pool

Jim mailed four (4) violation letters.

One variance was applied for by David Hocesvar at 3262 Bent Oak.

Jim reported Chris Meduri sent a violation letter to Seth Powers who resides at 4790 Smith Avenue and he did not respond. Chris in is moving forward with filing a lawsuit.

Judy Adamson was present who retired from the Township last year and said OPERS have not received their payment from the Township. JoAnn said the payment was made several months ago and she will contact them.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2012-103 - Motion by Diane Dillon 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, absent, Joe Paulus, yea.

Fiscal Officer, JoAnn Townend Public Hearing - 2013 Proposed Tax Budget

Resolution No. 2012-104 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to open the public hearing for the Rootstown Township 2013 Proposed Tax Budget. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, absent, Joe Paulus, yea.

JoAnn Townend reviewed and answered questions regarding the 2013 tax budget.

Resolution No. 2012-105 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to close the public hearing for the 2013 Proposed Tax Budget. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, absent, Joe Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2012-106 - Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to adopt the Rootstown Township Proposed Tax Budget for year 2013. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, absent, Joe Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2012-107 - Motion by Diane Dillon to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Dillon, Chairperson

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer