

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

July 22, 2014

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on July 22, 2014. Those in attendance were Trustees Joe Paulus, Linda Hankins and David McIntyre, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Road Superintendent Bill Hahn, Zoning Inspector Mark Tirpak, Administrative Assistant Jordan Michael and Trustees Assistant Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2014-110 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to accept the minutes of July 8, 2014. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, David McIntyre, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Bill said since AT&T changed things in the office his printer is not working. Joe asked JoAnn to contact AT&T because it has not been working for approximately four days.

The Road Crew should be finished chipping and sealing on Friday, weather permitting. The Board agreed for Bill to flex his hours.

Bill received a check for \$1,000.00 donation from Mr. Bob Bossow owner of Wintergreen Development for road improvements within the development.

Bill reported the Road Crew will be fixing three sinkholes in Harvest Hills. The mailboxes were leaning.

The backflow meters have been completed.

Cemetery

There were two (2) funerals since the last meeting.

Park

The volunteer church group has finished mulching the playground.

The Road Crew will be removing the mounds of gravel/mud.

Bill said the summer help is working out well.

Joe said the New Milford Road Recycling Center has been much cleaner. Bill said Portage County Family & Community Services worker has been cleaning up the center.

Joe asked if there was a project a Brownie Troop could do. The Board agreed for them to weed the Town Hall and cemetery.

Joe said the sign at the park by the concession stand is rotted and needs repaired. The bench is also rotted and needs to be removed.

Bill received a quote to chip and seal Homestead Road for \$15,000.00. Bill recommended the road be double sealed which would cost \$30,000.00. The Board said this is a project for the future.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

Storage of Recreational Vehicles: Mark said approximately 14 violations sent and there are potentially 100 residents in the Township, but not all the Township has been covered yet. The Zoning Commission asked the Board adopt a resolution for the Zoning to stop any enforcement on this issue until they rewrite the Zoning Commission Plan.

Resolution No. 2014-111 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to stop all enforcement to the Park and Storage of Recreation Vehicles (Section 310.09) of the Zoning Commission Plan until the Zoning Commission updates the plan. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, David McIntyre, yea.

Mark suggested hiring out the printing of the zoning book as this would be a big job for the department's copy machine. The Board agreed.

Joe said he saw construction taking place at Grace Church and asked for the Zoning Department to investigate.

Jordan gave the supply list for the Zoning Department to JoAnn.

Joe said the First Congressional Church of Rootstown has been using the dumpster at the Town Hall. He suggested sending a letter stating it is only used for the Township. The Board agreed.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Linda reported the following:

Chief Palmer is still preparing for the ISO audit.

Chief Palmer is still work on getting bids to paint the tanker.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2014-112 - Motion by Linda Hankins and seconded by Dave McIntyre 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.

JoAnn asked if Joe and Linda completed their fraud letter for the State Auditor's Office. They both said they had them to complete. JoAnn has been pulling information for the audit.

CITIZENS' COMMENT

Shirley Riemenschneider invited the Board to the Rootstown Homeland Cemetery Walk on Sunday, October 5th from 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM. A presentation by a Lion's Club member will be giving a short history of the veterans' memorial. There will be maps to follow and approximately 10 stations for residents to visit. They will be concluding the visit to the NEOMED grave site. Bill will give Shirley a copy of the rules and regulations for the cemetery.

Dave Rude of Forest Glen was present and asked if his development is going to be chipped and sealed. Bill said it is scheduled for Monday, weather permitting.

Mike Szabo of Rootstown Road was presented and thanked Bill and the Road Crew for their help with a culvert issue.

Peg Turner of Tallmadge Road had expressed her concern to the Trustees several months ago encouraging them to bring back the warning siren for weather. Ms. Turner said there are many instances where someone may not hear a phone, but would hear the siren. It would be beneficial even if it would save one life. The Board said it would be costly to replace the siren. There were a lot of complaints of the loud siren.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joe is still waiting to talk to CT Consultants regarding a cost to update the Comprehensive Plan.

Linda will email Joe the names of the Sandy Lake Association.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a double booking issue at the park pavilion. A gentleman contacted the department in January to reserve the pavilion, but never completed the necessary paperwork. Meanwhile, another resident reserved the pavilion and completed the paperwork. Thankfully, the two residents agreed to share the pavilion.

The Board discussed the option of requiring a deposit to use the Pavilion's or Town Hall.

Resolution No. 2014-113 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to require a deposit of \$25.00 to rent the Park Pavilions and the Town Hall effective January 1, 2015. This deposit will be waived for non-profit organizations. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, David McIntyre, yea.

Dave suggested putting "Good Luck at the States Rootstown Hot Stove" on the sign. The Board agreed.

The Board agreed to participate in the Community Expo scheduled for Saturday, October 25th.

Dave and Linda will work on the Township display for the fair.

Resolution No. 2014-114 - Motion by Joe Paulus to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Paulus, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer