

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES July 23, 2013

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on July 23, 2013. Those in attendance were Trustees Diane Dillon, Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, Chief Charles Palmer, John Lallathin and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2013-109 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Brett Housley to accept the special meeting minutes of July 16, 2013. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, abstained, Diane Dillon, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

John reported the starter and air tank on the Sterling truck has been replaced. It was repaired by the Road Crew.

Bill dropped off the RUMA to NEOMED on July 10th for signatures.

John said Bill attended the meeting at the County Engineer regarding the Issue 2 – Round 28 for road improvements. We were not selected to receive Issue 2 monies for 2014.

Bill needs to contact the Fire Department regarding the fire hydrants. Chief Palmer suggested he contact Mike Leigh.

The crew will begin crack sealing weather permitting.

Cemetery

There were no funerals since the last meeting.

Park

The pavilion and dock have been stained at the park.

John said Bill spoke to the Soil & Water Conservation Office regarding the algae in the pond. They suggested in the winter putting an aqua shade on the ice before the weeds have a chance to grow. Now it needs to be treated. Diane recommended someone from the road crew attend a class to get certified in maintaining ponds.

The child swing has been replaced at the park at a cost of \$55.00 from Home Depot.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

Brett reported the following:

There were six (6) acts of business.

- 1 – Single Family Home
- 1 – Accessory Building
- 2 – Decks
- 1 – Shed
- 1 – Sign

There were three (3) mylars signed.

Three violations letters were sent to the following addresses:

- 3267 Sandy Lake Road Nuisance
- 3267 Sandy Lake Road Recreational Vehicle
- 4412 Lakewood Road Nuisance

Karen Henry, George Tishma and Jim Mahood will be attending the Zoning Conference (Friday Only) in Cleveland in September. Brett will inform JoAnn.

The variance decision appeal for Ellen Eisele has been settled.

Resolution No. 2013-110 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to set a public hearing for proposed zoning amendment 2013-001 Non-Conforming Structures Regulations on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 6:15 PM at the Rootstown Town Hall. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Palmer reported the freightliner ambulance was damaged in the front end as a result of a blown tire while driving back from a transport on I76. Chief Palmer contacted Wendy at Burnham & Flowers and Mike at PERSO who is sending a claim appraiser to inspect. While the ambulance is being repaired all the medic gear is in the Expedition and it will respond to the scene, treat the patient and call for mutual aid to transport.

The department completed Operation Clear Training yesterday. The session was presented by the Ohio State Highway Patrol and ODOT at the Randolph Fire Department.

Chief Palmer reported the sump pump was damaged by the last storm and flooded the basement of the Fire Station. He contacted several vendors to repair the sump pumps and is waiting on one more quote before he moves forward with the repair.

The following is a breakdown for June 2013 non-resident ambulance billing:

Billed Amount:	\$30,269.00
Collected Amount:	\$9,137.58
Year to date Billed	\$188,273.00
Year to date Collected:	\$116,496.39

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2013-111 - 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: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

James Rykaceski of 4475 Lynn Road thanked the Trustees for their time regarding his variance application to re-zone Lynn Road from commercial to residential. The Public Hearing will be held August 13th at 6:15 PM.

Barb and Bob Coleman of Sabin Drive were present to inform the Trustees about the recent flooding from the July 10, 2013 severe storm. Their home has flooded four times since 1960. Mrs. Coleman asks who is responsible for Ditch #7; the County Engineer said they are not liable. Brett disclosed to the Trustees that prior to being a Trustee he was involved in a court case with the Coleman's. Diane suggested the Trustees send a letter to the Portage County Commissioners and Mickey Marozzi, County Engineer regarding this issue. Diane agreed to draft a letter.

Vera Hamrick of Sabin Drive was also present saying she was very close of getting water in her home. She seen the Coleman's home and agrees something needs to be done with the ditch.

Resolution No. 2013-112 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus for the Trustees to send a letter to the Portage County Commissioners' and Mickey Marozzi, Portage County Engineer regarding Barb and Bob Coleman's flooding issue with Ditch #7 at 4087 Sabin Drive, Rootstown. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joe received a letter from NEOMED regarding the State Route 44 widening project stating they are unable to support ODOT's decision with the project. Joe said he also spoke to Representative Kathleen Clyde during the Town Hall meeting yesterday. She will look into the SR 44 expansion project status and try to get the traffic study that was recently completed.

Brett said there is a workshop regarding grant writing advertised in the Ohio Township News that looks interesting. Also, a workshop on road easements, right-of-ways and culverts that Bill may be interested in attending. Brett suggested Bill put on his maintenance sheet to include a drive on all Township roads for inspection of dead trees along the roadway.

The Board interviewed Dave Slocum, an applicant interested in the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Resolution No. 2013-113 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to appoint Dave Slocum as an alternate to the Rootstown Board of Appeals term expiring December 31, 2013. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

The Trustees discussed the proposed zoning amendment as presented by the Zoning Commission.

Resolution No. 2013-114 - Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Brett Housley to notify the property owners located north on Lynn Road from 4459 Lynn Road to John Smith Road to be invited and welcome their input to a Public Hearing on proposed zoning amendment 2013-001 - non-conforming regulations to re-zone a section of Lynn Road from commercial to residential on August 13, 2013 at 6:15 PM at the Town Hall. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

Diane said she is uncertain if the ObamaCare pertains to the Township since we do not have more than 50 employees. We will have to investigate.

Resolution No. 2013-115 - Motion by Brett Housley to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Housley, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer