MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
July 28, 2015

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on July 28, 2015. Those in attendance were Trustees David McIntyre, Linda Hankins and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Chief Charles Palmer, Road Superintendent Bill Hahn, Zoning Inspector Mark Tirpak, Zoning Administrative Assistant Jordan Michael and Trustees Administrative Assistant Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2015-114 – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to accept the minutes of July 14, 2015. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

David Dobos of Senator Renacci's Office was present to introduce the services their office provides to taxpayers such as military and veterans, social security, Medicare, immigration and passports, housing, youth programs. Dave asked if they could assist with the Railway closing all four of the railroad crossing in the township at the same time for repairs. He said the response time for our EMS is not good. Mr. Dobos said they would try to assist in this matter.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Bill reported the chip and seal should begin on Tuesday, August 4th. This would consist of 8½ miles of road including Hogle Avenue, Heron Creek, Hattrick Road, Stoneridge Development, Ravenna Development and Bird Development.

Bill received the signs today through the sign grant.

The Road Crew has been installing pipe in Heron Creek.

The core samples for Wintergreen Development have been completed; they are waiting on the results from Summit Testing.

Cemetery

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

Park

The Road Crew is still smoothing out the road at the park.

The operators union is coming along. Bill is in contact with Beaver Excavating in Canton regarding the GPS.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

There were five (5) acts of business.

- Accessory Building
- Agriculture Building
- Commercial (Rootstown Storage)
- Swimming Pool
- House

There was one violation letter sent out.

The Zoning Commission will meet Thursday, July 30th and next Tuesday, August 4th.

The Zoning Commission approved several amendments at their last board meeting.

The Trustees agreed to advertise for a secretary for zoning. This position will take the minutes of the Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Park Commission. JoAnn will advertise. The Trustees asked Jordan to take the meeting minutes as needed until a secretary is hired.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2015-115 - Motion by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

The Trustees signed the contract for CT Consultants.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Tony Luketic a resident of New Milford Road was present to express his concern of the train traffic and noise of the whistle blowing. Since he moved to the area, twenty some years ago, Mr. Luketic has seen an increase in the train traffic from five to six trains a day to ask many as 60. He noticed each train has more cars than usual, so waiting for a train could be longer. They seem to blow their horns more than they used to. The crossings have been terrible to cross for the past 2 months.

Joe said there are supposed to be regulations as to how long the horn should blow and the length of trains, but it also has a lot to do with the engineer. It is controlled by federal regulations. Joe has researched this issue in the past and a solution would be very expensive. He believes the cheapest option is to have wayside horns that blow directly down the road. It affects the traffic going towards them. This would cost approximately $100,000. The other option would be a quiet zone, which could cost up to $400,000 per crossing.

Chief Palmer said there are grants available from the Federal Railroad Administration. There is legislation posted on their website.

Tom Biltz also of New Milford Road was present and agrees the train traffic and horns blowing have gotten worse. He said it literally shakes his windows in his home. Mr. Luketic suggested creating a committee to find options to the train traffic and noise and report back to the Trustees.

Al Ballou said there are numbers on the cars of the train and you can look them up on the computer to see what they are hauling.

The Trustees agreed that something needs to be done about the noise of the horns blowing.

Jack Wood of Muzzy Lake was present to inform the Board he has been working with Chris Meduri and Chad Murdock regarding the zoning issues at Muzzy Lake.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the placing of the containers for Planet Aid. Dave said the Road Superintendent is not in favor of placing the container at the New Milford Road Recycling Site. After discussion the Board agreed not to allow Planet Aid place a container on Township property.

Dave said if the Board agrees to curb side recycling it will not begin until spring of 2016. The routes would have to be established. Joe believes before the Trustees make a decision they should hold a public hearing to hear why or why not residents want curb side recycling.

Resolution No. 2015-116 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to create a Park Commission to help plan a community park. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Joe said anyone interested can mail their letter of intent to the Town Hall. Jordon will also put a notice on the sign at the Town Hall.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Palmer reported the EGR cooler on the emission system broke on the Ford ambulance and is being repaired at Lang's. It should be back in service tomorrow.

The painting has been completed on the first floor of the fire department and the floors have been stripped and waxed. They are now working on the second floor.

Chief Palmer said thanks to Mike Szabo, the repeater project is moving forward. They have been granted frequencies from FCC and it should take approximately a month to receive

the license. The equipment has been ordered and will be installed and the radios need programmed to the new frequencies. The Trustees thank Mike Szabo for his efforts in this project.

Resolution No. 2015-117 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by David McIntyre for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move into executive session at 6:22 PM to discuss employee discipline for the fire department. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-118 - Upon conclusion of the above referenced discussion a motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by David McIntyre for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move out of executive session at 7:10 PM. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

After exiting Executive Session, the Trustees took no action.

Resolution No. 2015–119 - Motion by Dave McIntyre to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave McIntyre, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer