MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING
August 11, 2015

The meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on July 9, 2015. Those in attendance were Trustees, David McIntyre, Linda Hankins and Joseph Paulus; JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer; Fire Chief Palmer, Road Superintendant Bill Hahn, Mark Tirpak, Zoning Inspector and Jordan Michael Assistant Zoning Inspector.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Resolution No. 2015-120 – Motion made by Joseph Paulus and seconded by David Mcintyre to approve minutes of July 28, 2015. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: David Mc Intyre, yea; Linda Hankins, absent; Joseph Paulus, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Bill indicated that the chip and seal project would be finished today. He also reported that the Kenworth truck would be arriving on Thursday. Bill reported that the roadside mower would be down for a couple of days as the steering cylinder went down.

There have been two (2) funerals.

Bill said that there is a need for an Ohio Engineer's stamp on the drawings for the windmill at the park.

ZONING INSPECTOR

Mark Tirpak reported that there were two (2) permits issued for decks and that two (2) courtesy violation letters were mailed out.

Trustee Linda Hankins arrived at 5:38 p.m.

Resolution No. 2015-121 – Motion made by Joseph Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to pay invoices on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: David Mc Intyre, yea; Linda Hankins, yea; Joseph Paulus, yea.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Jack Wood of Muzzy Lake asked the Board of Trustees if they had hired a planner for the Muzzy Lake, Sandy Lake and Sappwood Lake issues. Dave McIntyre said it would be discussed during new business.

Mike Kerrigan reported that NEOMED students would begin to trickle in by the first week of September. They will also have ten (10) students from China and will hopefully be able to bring them to a Township meeting. He further reported that the stem school freshman class is at full capacity with forty (40) on the waiting list. There are a total of three hundred (300) students on campus. Mike also reported that one week from this Friday, NEOMED will be hosting an outside movie night. The conference center will provide food, he asked if the Township would like to provide ice cream for the event. Al Ballou asked why purchase ice cream with Township funds? While it is not an appropriate expense of Township funds, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer said that Trustees could make a personal donation to purchase ice cream.

David Bosko of Campbellsport Road asked the status of the park commission and how to apply as he is interested.

Sara Miley of Stoneridge Development asked about the recycling program and said she had not received a survey. She also inquired as to ODOT placing a sound wall barrier behind the homes as noise has increased since the speed limit went up. She asked if grants would be available to assist. Sara also commented on the noise and vibrations from the trains. Trustees referred her to Tom Biltz and Tony Luketic regarding the trains.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joseph Paulus gave JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer the sign grant paperwork to submit. He also said this year's expo was set for October 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Joe also reported that the Township Association meeting was this coming Saturday. He also reported that it is time to do employee evaluations.

Linda Hankins reported that she has received visitor's bureau booklets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustees have set the date and time for Halloween on October 31, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

David McIntyre presented an option to the Trustees to rejoin the Portage County Regional Planning Commission beginning September 1, 2015. They will pro-rate the fee to the Township.

Resolution No. 2015-0122 – Motion by David McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to rejoin the Portage County Regional Planning Commission beginning September 1, 2015. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: David Mc Intyre, yea; Linda Hankins, yea; Joseph Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-0123 – Motion by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joseph Paulus to hold a public hearing on Zoning Commission Amendments: ZC 2015-006, 007, 008, and 009 on September 8th, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: David Mc Intyre, yea; Linda Hankins, yea; Joseph Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-0124 – Motion by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joseph Paulus to enter into executive session at 6:05 p.m. for the purposes of employee discipline and pending litigation Upon roll call the vote was as follows: David Mc Intyre, yea; Linda Hankins, yea; Joseph Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-0125 – Motion by Joseph Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to exit executive session at 7:25 p.m. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: David Mc Intyre, yea; Linda Hankins, yea; Joseph Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-0126 – Motion by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joseph Paulus to authorize pay raises for all full-time fire fighters. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: David Mc Intyre, yea; Linda Hankins, yea; Joseph Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-0127 – Motion by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joseph Paulus authorized the issuance and signing of a last chance agreement. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: David Mc Intyre, yea; Linda Hankins, yea; Joseph Paulus, yea.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Palmer reported that the upstairs water heater rotted out flooding the first floor training room ceiling. They are in the process of replacing ceiling tiles and fixing water damage in the room. The heater was under warranty and replaced by English Plumbing.

He also reported that the will be starting their own full time fire academy on the first of September. The class will last two (2) months. The students will also be attending EMT school at the same time during the evening.

Chief Palmer reported that for the month of June they collected $15,288.17 and year to date have collected $96,524.73 for EMS. For the month of June they billed $23,101.00 and billed year to date $182,237.60.

Resolution No. 2015-128 – Motion made by David Mc Intyre to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: David Mc Intyre, yea; Linda Hankins, yea; Joseph Paulus, yea.

Respectfully submitted,

David McIntyre, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer