

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

August 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Trustees Diane Dillon, Brett Housley and Joseph Paulus; JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer; Zoning Inspectors Mahood and Black and Road Superintendent Hahn.

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

Resolution 2013-116 - Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to approve the minutes of July 23, 2013. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Diane Dillon - Yea; Brett Housley - Yea; Joe Paulus - Yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Bill Hahn reported that there were some major washouts on Hattrick Road and that the Road department has fixed two (2) sinkholes on Vaughn.

Bill also reported that he was waiting on price quotes for striping the roads (Lynn & Kline) that were just chip and sealed. He also reported that Mike Leigh from the fire department and Bill began testing the fire hydrants owned by the Township.

Bill reported that patching will begin on August 14, 2013 on Homestead.

Bill presented the mailbox policy to Trustees for their consideration. After discussion the Trustees requested changes adding a contact number and also the ability for citizens to get a check in the amount of the current value of the standard 4 x 4 post and mailbox that the Township would provide to purchase their own mailbox of higher value.

He reported that there had been three (3) funerals and two (2) cremations. He also reported that the summer youth employee starting staining the sign post at the park and also the speed bumps.

Resolution 2013-117 - Motion by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to approve the mailbox policy with changes. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Diane Dillon - Yea; Brett Housley - Yea; Joe Paulus - Yea.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

There were zero (0) permits issued; one (1) mylar was signed and one (1) final violation issued to 3267 Sandy Lake Road.

Jim reported that he pre-registered for the APA fall seminar for Karen Henry, George Tishma and himself.

He also informed the Trustees that fall office hours will start September 1st, 2013 which will eliminate Thursday evenings and expand Friday days.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Diane reported that the storm damaged two (2) sump pumps at the station and that the repairs would be made by Harper Well.

She also reported that the Fire Department will be taking the Ford Expedition to the fair for assistance if needed as the ambulance was still being repaired.

Resolution 2013-118 - Motion by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to approve the repairs by Harper Well to the sump pumps at the Fire Department at a cost not to exceed Five thousand, six hundred-fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$5,650.00). Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Diane Dillon - Yea; Brett Housley - Yea; Joe Paulus - Yea.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution 2013-119 - Motion by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Diane Dillon - Yea; Brett Housley - Yea; Joe Paulus - Yea.

Resolution 2013-120 - Motion by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to approve the tax rates for 2014. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Diane Dillon - Yea; Brett Housley - Yea; Joe Paulus - Yea.

Resolution 2013-121 - Motion by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to approve the request made by John Wray of NEOMED to resurface Loretta Drive with the condition that the resurfacing be done according to specification supplied by the County Engineer. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Diane Dillon - Yea; Brett Housley - Yea; Joe Paulus - Yea.

Joe Paulus informed the trustees and citizens that the St. Rt. 44 expansion is now not going to be supported by NEOMED and that per the ODOT supervisor it will not happen at this time. He added that it is possible that the expansion could be resurrected in five (5) years.

Diane Dillon drafted a letter to the County Engineer and County Commissioners regarding the Sabin Drive flooding issues.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Shirley Reimenschnieder reported that the Historical Society originally planted flowers at the historic marker and now would like to have the bed filled with rocks instead of flowers. Bill Hahn will make the change.

John Valarinos of 4608 Prospect Rd., Ravenna OH discussed a request to vacate land

on Prospect Rd. with the Trustees again. His neighbor James Knight of 4211 Clover reported that the right of way goes with the road which makes it a Township Road and that the Trustees should grant approval to vacate it.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Housley opened the public hearing on the Zoning Commission's proposed amendment of section ZC2013-001 at 6:15 p.m. The proposed zoning amendment is as follows:

450.02D Non-Conforming Structures Destroyed by Natural Disasters. Non-conforming residential or commercial uses or structures destroyed beyond the control of the owner (i.e. flood, windstorm, fire, snow, ice, rain, earthquake, or other such disaster) shall be repaired or replaced. If replaced, it shall be replaced by a structure of an equal or better condition than the original non-conforming structure or comply with the current Zoning Resolution.

After reviewing the proposed amendment 450.02D in detail, Brett asked Trustees for their viewpoint on the issue.

Diane stated that since her realty company has property listed on Lynn Road she was advised to not discuss the issue and to abstain from voting.

Both Joe and Brett stated their viewpoint on the proposed amendment and after input was given by citizens Tom Nader, Ken Krnhmin and Jim Rykaceski; Joe Paulus offered that Zoning section 450.02D be amended as follows: (changes in bold and underlined)

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Resolution 2013-122 - Motion by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to approve ZC2013-001 as amended below:

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Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Diane Dillon - Abstain; Brett Housley - Yea; Joe Paulus - Yea.

Brett closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

The Trustees resumed the regular meeting.

There was no unfinished or new business to discuss.

Resolution 2013-123- Motion was made by Brett Housley to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Housley, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer