

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
August 27, 2013

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on August 27, 2013. Those in attendance were Trustees Diane Dillon, Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Chief Charles Palmer, Bill Hahn and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2013-124 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to accept the minutes of August 13, 2013. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Bill received the following quotes to stripe Lynn Road, John Smith and Kline Road.

Aero Mark	\$7,248.45
JD Striping	\$2,491.10

Resolution No. 2013-125 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to hire J.D. Striping to stripe Lynn, John Smith and Kline Roads. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

The crew should be finished crack sealing the roads by the end of the week.

Bill asked if funding is available to chip and seal Campbellsport Road and Greenwood Drive. This is approximately two miles of road. Bill received a quote from Hughes Contracting for \$32,248.00. The Board agreed for JoAnn to check to see if funding is available.

Resolution No. 2013-126 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to chip and seal Campbellsport Road and Greenwood Drive in an amount not to exceed \$32,248.00 from Hughes Contracting pending upon Fiscal Officer Townend’s review of available funding. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

Bill gave the Trustees a draft of the mailbox policy.

Cemetery

There was one (1) cremation since the last meeting.

Park

Bill will be meeting with Diane and Matt Winters to see about excavating the pond.

Joe is still working on the Compensation Agreement for Roadway, Maintenance and Restoration between the Township, NEOMED and the County Engineer's Office for Loretta Drive.

Brett spoke to Anthony Zumbo, County Engineer regarding the piece of land on Prospect Street that Mr. John Valarino would like to vacate.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

Brett reported the following:

There was four (4) act of business.

- ✓ Multi-Family – NEOMED
- ✓ Deck
- ✓ Fence
- ✓ Shed

There was no violation letters sent.

The Board agreed for Jim to put students are back in school, please drive safely on the sign at the Town Hall.

Joe said some of the bricks on the sign are crumbling. Bill will get several quotes for masonry work.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

John Gordon was present to remind the Trustees of the Public Open House the 75th Anniversary of the Fire Department on Sunday, October 20, 2013 from Noon – 6:00 PM. Introductions will take place at 2:00 PM. The Postmaster will be using a commemorative cancellation stamp on October 28th for all outgoing mail.

Chief Palmer presented the following year to date expenditures and appropriations for 2013:

Line	Appropriations	Expenditures	Percent
2191	\$148,000.00	\$69,865.00	46%
2192	\$447,000.00	\$296,705.00	62%
2193	\$173,950.00	\$106,659.00	61%

For the month of August it was 66%.

Chief Palmer would like permission to allow full-time members the ability to sell back their vacation time instead of using it. This would help meet the hourly requirement for part time members. Currently 1440 hours of vacation time is covered by part time members when a full time member is out. The Board agreed to have JoAnn check with Paychex.

Chief Palmer reported they are averaging two (2) calls per day to the new apartments at NEOMED. These are not false alarms, they are calls where smoke is generated and the alarm is activated. At this rate, Chief Palmer believes the average calls per year will be approximately 500 responses. The 2013 dispatch would be \$14,225.00 increase. The current rate is \$28.45 per run and will increase 5% to \$29.87 in 2014. Chief Palmer is working with NEOMED's safety staff to develop a new plan of action.

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

Billed Amount:	\$38,179.00
Collected Amount:	\$17,940.00
Year to date Billed	\$229,647.00
Year to date Collected:	\$134,437.00

The squad has been repaired and is back in service.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2013-127 - Motion by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon 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.

JoAnn received an invitation from the Portage County Soil & Water Conservation District regarding their annual voting and breakfast on September 18th.

JoAnn informed the Trustees that R&R Sanitation has been bought by Republic Services, Inc.

JoAnn reported Sean Sprouce of Burnham & Flowers was supposed to attend the meeting tonight, but had to cancel. JoAnn reviewed the information that he emailed her regarding the health insurance. JoAnn said if we keep the current plan there will be a 9% decrease.

Resolution No. 2013-128 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to renew the health benefit plan with Medical Mutual of Ohio (2500/5000 plan) effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. There is a 9% decrease. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board agreed for Diane to move forward in purchasing trees for the park with the \$1,000.00 donation. Joe suggested placing evergreens along the boundary; Diane said she will also put shade trees by the pavilion and pond.

Joe will submit an article in the Communicator. The deadline is September 6th.

Resolution No. 2013-129 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to allow Joe Paulus and any other interested Township employee to attend the OTA Grant Workshop on September 17th at a cost not to exceed \$65.00 per person; contingent upon at least fifteen (15) people register for the workshop. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

Joe said Mark Cogley questioned if Don Litsinger is permitted to farm the green space on Tallmadge Road. Joe will check with Chris Meduri, Prosecutor’s Office.

Resolution No. 2013–130 - Motion by Joe Paulus to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Housley, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer