

## **MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES September 9, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on September 9, 2014. Those in attendance were Trustees Joe Paulus and David McIntyre, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Chief Charles Palmer, Zoning Inspector Mark Tirpak, Administrative Assistant Jordan Michael and Trustees Assistant Julie Gonzales.

**Resolution No. 2014-134** – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to accept the minutes of August 26, 2014. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, absent, David McIntyre, yea.

- ❖ Vicki Kline, County Treasurer was present to inform the Trustees and citizens that she is running for County Commissioner in November.
- ❖ Janet Esposito, County Auditor was present to inform the Trustees and citizens that she is running for re-election as County Auditor in November.
- ❖ Dave Brode was present to inform the Trustees and citizens that he is running for Juvenile/Probate Court Judge in November.

### **ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dave reported the following:

An employee of the Road Crew has been on vacation all week.

Due to issues with the contractor, the paving of Homestead Road will not be completed until the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

Bill is getting quotes to remove the trees at the Old Cemetery.

### **ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT**

Jordan purchased several boxes of files folders for the Zoning Department and requested reimbursement. The Board agreed. JoAnn will process.

Jordan is currently creating new files for 2004.

Joe submitted the article for the Communicator.

Joe is still playing phone tag with DB Hart regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

## **FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Chief Palmer reported he met with NEOMED regarding the fire alarm exits. The alarms need to be maintained regularly to receive the occupancy permits. Justin will conduct a fire inspection on Friday. Dave asked how much time Justin spends at NEOMED. Chief Palmer said since the construction of NEOMED he spends 40 hours per week. The Board agreed they are concerned of the time that is spent at NEOMED. Chief Palmer said there are other members who inspect the buildings in the Township. He assured them every building is to code.

Chief Palmer informed the Trustees that Brad Cromes of the Board of Elections contacted him regarding moving the voting precinct from the Fire Department to NEOMED. Mr. Cromes indicated that NEOMED contacted him and thought it would be helpful for all the voting precincts to be in the same location within the Township. The Board agreed. This will not be in effect until next year.

ISO conducted their evaluation last Thursday. We will receive the results in approximately three months. Chief Palmer has already made some adjustments to their policy.

Chief Palmer reported the members will be attending a week long HAZMAT class next week in Kent. This class meets the needs of maintaining their HAZMAT Technician Certification.

The Fire Department will be hosting a two-day Grain Bin Rescue Training Class for area departments on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We are required to pay for the class and then we will be reimbursed by the Ohio Fire Academy.

The house fire on Sandy Lake Road is currently under investigation by the department and the insurance company.

## **FISCAL OFFICER**

**Resolution No. 2014-135** - Motion by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, absent, David McIntyre, yea.

JoAnn said since her absence she is now getting caught up with processing checks.

## **CITIZEN'S COMMENT**

Mike Szabo of Rootstown Road asked what the Comprehensive Plan is. Joe said it is the zoning future of the Township. It regulates the zoning for businesses, homeowners, the population and how it affects the Township. Dave said in the future we need to follow the Comprehensive Plan.

Mike Kerrigan of NEOMED informed the Trustees that they are acquiring parcels to not only expand the academic aspect of the college but to possibly develop a senior living or retail for the students. NEOMED is currently interested in conducting a joint effort with the Township to create a Comprehensive Plan. Perhaps the cost could be split. The Board is strongly interested in combining the plan with NEOMED. Mr. Kerrigan suggested the Board email him a bulleted list of the Townships needs and/or wishes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Joe is still investigating as to who enforces the rules for political signs.

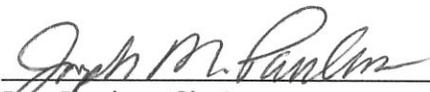
**Resolution No. 2014-136** – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move into executive session at 6:40 PM to discuss legal issues. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, absent; David McIntyre, yea.

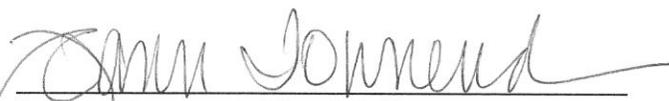
**Resolution No. 2014-137** - Upon conclusion of the above referenced discussion a motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move out of executive session at 6:55 PM. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, absent; David McIntyre, yea.

After exiting Executive Session, the Trustees took no action.

**Resolution No. 2014-138** - Motion by Dave McIntyre to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joe Paulus, Chairman

  
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JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer