

## **MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

### **September 11, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on September 11, 2012. Those in attendance were Trustees Diane Dillon, Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Chief Charles Palmer, Bill Hahn, Jim Mahood, and Julie Gonzales.

**Resolution No. 2012-134** – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to accept the minutes of August 28, 2012. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

### **ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Bill reported the bid books for the chip and seal project has been completed by the County Engineer and signed by the contractor.

Scott Miller from the County Engineer is preparing bid books for Clover Drive. JoAnn said the new rules should be published regarding the amount a project has to be bid out. She also spoke to Chris Meduri and he believes that all road projects should be bid out.

The crew has completed the crack seal on Bird and Heron Creek Subdivision.

The crew is currently cutting back the road berm approximately 2' before they get chipped.

Bill will be attending the safety class in Jackson Township next Tuesday at 1:00 PM.

### **Cemetery**

Due to weather conditions the foundations at the cemetery will be poured next week.

The cemetery audit is approximately half completed. Troy has finished the books; now they will be walking the cemetery checking headstones.

### **Park**

The crew fixed one of the gates at the park.

**Resolution No. 2012-135** – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to amend Resolution No. 2012-116 adopted August 14, 2012 to change the closing date for the sale of real estate to Mark Cogley to September 20, 2012 instead of September 5, 2012. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Diane e-mailed Ray Martinez from Ohio Edison regarding the installation of electricity at the park, he has been on vacation.

Diane spoke to someone from Copley Township regarding their free standing restrooms.

Diane said she has algae control to remove the algae from the pond.

### **ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT**

There were three (3) acts of business.

- ✓ 1 – Addition to home
- ✓ 1 – Multi family
- ✓ 1 – Fence

Jim reported one variance permit application was applied for from Mary Ann Kurkey.

Jim is working with Chris Meduri regarding several violation letters that have been sent.

- 1) Seth Powers on Sandy Lake Road – shed removal (at this time it has been removed).
- 2) Roxys on Tallmadge Road – Signs & banner
- 3) Mr. Helmling on Sandy Lake Road - Scrap

Jim said the commercial property link has been removed from the township website.

Brett will be meeting with Jim on Thursday.

Diane suggested the Zoning Board of Appeals and Zoning Commission confirm their attendance to the chairperson of each their board one day prior to the meeting.

### **FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Chief Palmer received a letter from Thomas Buchanan regarding barricades on Pine Drive. The Board does not recommend putting up barricades for safety reasons.

Chief Palmer reported on Saturday a tree fell onto their generator. The insurance company was notified and he received a quote from Buckeye Power to repair it in an amount of \$4,837.33.

Chief Palmer informed the Trustees while off duty an employee hurt his hand. He will be return to work Thursday.

### **FISCAL OFFICER**

**Resolution No. 2012-136** – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to approve the September 7, 2012 Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a request for transfer of liquor license from R & S Food Mart Inc. DBA Ravenna BP to Simrat Bajwa LLC DBA Simrat, 4471 St. Rt. 44, Ravenna, OH, Rootstown Township. The Trustees authorized the Fiscal Officer to sign and return the Notice. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

**Resolution No. 2012-137** - Motion by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

### **RESIDENT COMMENTS**

Michael LaRiche of Greenwood Drive was present. He has been a resident of Rootstown for several years and thought he should attend a Board meeting. Mr. LaRiche thanked the fire department for a gas line incident that occurred when he first moved into his home. A concern he has is that due to the New Milford Café; there are a lot of vehicles speeding on Wednesdays and the weekend on Greenwood Drive. Another concern of his is the commercial vehicles (school buses and trash trucks) that use Greenwood Drive to short cut to Hatrick or New Milford Roads. Mr. LaRiche suggested a “welcome packet” when you move into the township. Joe said he spoke to the post office and approximately 90% of the packets were returned to the post office.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The newly revamped website should be launched September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Brett has been researching a “railroad quiet zone” at the New Milford Road/Hatrick Road crossings. He is in contact with the Fire Department and PUCO.

Joe gave the Trustees a copy of Regional Planning Commission withdrawal section of their bylaws.

**Resolution No. 2012-138** – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to adopt the amended Zoning Inspector/Zoning Commission Support Staff job description. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

**Resolution No. 2012-139** - Motion by Diane Dillon to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Dillon, Chairperson

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JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer