

# MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

## October 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on October 13, 2015. Those in attendance were Trustees David McIntyre, Linda Hankins and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Chief Charles Palmer, Road Superintendent Bill Hahn, Zoning Inspector Mark Tirpak, Zoning Administrative Assistant Jordan Michael and Trustees Administrative Assistant Julie Gonzales.

**Resolution No. 2015-152** – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to accept the minutes of September 22, 2015. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Bradley Raum, Dan Ellenberger and Bob Walker of University Hospital Portage Medical Center attended to donate to the Township Trustees and Chief Palmer the Lucas 2 device. The Lucas 2 Chest Compression System is a safe and efficient tool that standardizes chest compressions in accordance with the latest scientific guidelines. It provides the same quality for all patients and over time, independent of transport conditions and rescuer fatigue. By doing this it frees up rescuers to focus on other life-saving tasks and creates new rescue opportunities.

The Trustees and Chief Palmer extend their sincere thanks to University Hospital for their generous donation.

**Resolution No. 2015-153** – Motion was made by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to accept the donation of the Lucas 2 Chest Compression System on behalf of the Rootstown Fire Department. The estimated value of the device is \$15,000.00. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

### FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Palmer reported they are applying for a grant through Workers Compensation to obtain a motorized power cot valued at \$50,000.00. This cot can hold a patient up to 700lbs. Their current cot holds 400lbs. The townships share would be \$10,000.00.

Chief Palmer commended University Hospital with their education regarding to detail. They are a positive reinforcement to the department.

The following is a breakdown for September 2015 EMS ambulance billing:

Billed Amount:	\$27,906.00
Collected Amount:	\$14,000.00
Year to date Billed	\$224,180.00
Year to date Collected:	\$122,068.00

There are three more weeks of training on the Tallmadge Road houses.

Chief Palmer reported the repeater system is up and running. There are a few problem areas they will be looking into.

The department will be participating in the Community Expo at the High School on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Palmer said the University Hospital would like to participate in any educational activities within the Township.

### ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Road Crew is still patching the developments. They are still using Ravenna Township's asphalt paving machine.

Bill reported they will be using the Infrared Machine on the roads next week.

The crew will also be crack sealing several roads before winter.

Resolutions No. 2015-154 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to hire Rootstown Repair to replace the front-end on the 2009 Ford truck in an amount not to exceed \$1,100.00. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Joe suggested also replacing the tires on the Ford truck. Bill is in the process of obtaining quotes.

The new truck should be in next week.

Bill will be getting quotes for a salt spinner on the 2009 Ford truck.

### Cemetery

There was one funeral since the last meeting.

### Park

The windmill has been installed. Bill said they will need to purchase more sinkable lines. A vinyl fence will also be placed around the windmill.

David Bridenstine of OHM Advisors presented the Trustees with a proposal to design a master plan to level out the community park. This would not include any necessary permits through ODNR or Ohio EPA.

Linda asked Jordan to check to see if the Town Hall was available on the second Thursday's of each month at 7:00 PM to have the Park Commission Meetings.

John Epling asked if the Township will be receiving any of the money that the County Engineer received from First Energy for the damages to the roads. Dave believes this all goes through the County Engineer. Mr. Epling will contact the County Engineer to verify.

### ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

There were seven (7) acts of business.

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| * 1 – House       | * 2 – Accessory Buildings | * 1 – Fence |
| * 1 – Demo Permit | * 1 – Sign                |             |

Jordan reported the Zoning Commission reviewed the application for Comfort Suites and they have several items they need to revise. They are requesting a sign by 76 which will need to include a variance.

Jordan asked if Portage County Water Resources would be exempt from purchasing a sign permit to change the Rootstown Water Company sign since they changed ownership. The Trustees agreed they should be charged.

Joe said there are 6 out of 23 fire hydrants that are not working.

Jordan said his computer is not connecting to the internet. Bill said he is also having trouble. Joe will take a look at them.

### FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2015-155 - Motion by Linda Hankins and seconded by Joe Paulus to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

The Trustees approved the October 6, 2015 Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a request for transfer of liquor license from Bhaminis Inc to Simrat Bajwa LLC DBA Simrat (BP Gas Station), 4471 St. Rt. 44, Ravenna, OH, Rootstown Township. The Trustees authorized the Fiscal Officer to sign and return the Notice.

### Train Committee - Tony Luketic and Tom Biltz – Railway Discussion

Several members of the Train Committee presented its research requesting a quiet zone on six (6) Norfolk Southern Railroad crossings in the township (Sandy Lake Road, Lynn Road, New Milford Road, Hattrick Road, Industry Road and a privately owned crossing at Industry Road). Mr. Luketic said the train traffic increased from six (6) trains per day in 1990 to sixty (60) trains today. The quiet zone would add arms and lights at the crossings to

quiet train whistles and make crossings safer. Mr. Luketic requested the Trustees send a request for a diagnostic field review with Portage County Engineer, a federal railroad inspector and Norfolk Southern inspector to analyze the crossings. The fee has been around \$5,200.00 in the past to begin the review. Mr. Luketic suggested contacting Regional Planning Commission to see if there are grants available for this fee. JoAnn feels the township could pay the diagnostic fee and use the grants to pay for the larger construction costs later. The Committee also contacted Sherrod Brown and the Ohio Rail Commission to assist with the construction costs. Mr. Szabo suggested that since the crossing at Industry Road is at the border of Edinburg Township, they may be willing to assist with the costs.

Resolution No. 2015-156 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Dave McIntyre to amend zoning amendment ZC2015-010 – Section 150.02B – Definitions upon the recommendation of the Rootstown Zoning Commission as follows:

#### Section 150.02 B – Definitions

##### Existing Definition:

DWELLING, ATTACHED SINGLE-FAMILY: A dwelling unit designed and used exclusively by one (1) family that is attached to other dwelling units in contiguous side-by-side groupings, which are physically attached to one another by common or adjoining vertical walls without openings extending from the basement floor to the roof, which have individual heating and plumbing systems and separate ground floor entrances.

##### Proposed Definition:

DWELLING, ATTACHED SINGLE-FAMILY: A dwelling unit designed and used exclusively by one (1) family that is attached to other dwelling units in contiguous side-by-side groupings, which are physically attached to one another by common or adjoining vertical walls without openings extending from the basement floor to the roof.

There were no comments or concerns from the public. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-157 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to amend zoning amendment ZC2015-011 – Section 230.06C– Temporary Facilities upon the recommendation of the Rootstown Zoning Commission as follows:

#### Section 230.06 C – Temporary Facilities

##### Section 230.06 C Existing:

1. Temporary construction facilities for use incidental to construction work may be erected in any zoning districts herein established; however, such facilities shall be removed upon completion or abandonment of the construction work. Such facilities shall not be for habitation.
2. A mobile home is permitted, to provide temporary housing for members of a family who have been residing in a dwelling destroyed or damaged by a fire, flood, storm, or

any similar Act of God, or condemnation by a governmental body, as to render the dwelling uninhabitable, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Such mobile home may be used for a period not to exceed six (6) months in any area.
- b. A zoning permit is required with an expiration date indicated on the permit.
- c. The mobile home shall be removed within ten (10) days after the damaged dwelling is fit for habitation or ten (10) days after the permit expires, whichever ever comes first.
- d. The mobile home shall have the adequate health facilities available, including running water, and toilet facilities inside the mobile home connected to a sanitary sewage system approved by the Portage County Board of Health or the Sanitary Engineer.
- e. The location of the mobile home shall be limited to the rear of the existing dwelling being rebuilt or repaired, whenever possible.

**Section 230.06 C Proposed (shown in bold):**

1. Temporary construction facilities for use incidental to construction work may be erected in any zoning districts herein established; however, such facilities shall be removed upon completion or abandonment of the construction work. Such facilities shall not be for habitation.
2. A mobile home is permitted, to provide temporary housing for members of a family who have been residing in a dwelling destroyed or damaged by a fire, flood, storm, or any similar Act of God, or condemnation by a governmental body, as to render the dwelling uninhabitable, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Such mobile home may be used for a period not to exceed six (6) months in any area.
  - b. A zoning permit is required with an expiration date indicated on the permit.
  - c. The mobile home shall be removed within ten (10) days after the damaged dwelling is fit for habitation or ten (10) days after the permit expires, whichever ever comes first.
  - d. The mobile home shall have the adequate health facilities available, including running water, and toilet facilities inside the mobile home connected to a sanitary sewage system approved by the Portage County Board of Health or the Sanitary Engineer.
  - e. The location of the mobile home shall be limited to the rear of the existing dwelling being rebuilt or repaired, whenever possible.
3. Shipping containers/storage containers shall not be allowed for a period of time longer than thirty (30) days in all districts.

There were no comments or concerns from the public. Upon roll call the vote as follows:  
Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-158 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to amend zoning amendment ZC2015-012 – Section 310.03A – Schedule of Permitted Uses – Residential Districts upon the recommendation of the Rootstown Zoning Commission as follows:

Section 310.03 A – Schedule of Permitted Uses – Residential Districts

Section 310.03 A Existing:

	O-C Open Space Conservation	R-1 Single- Family Residential	R-2 Single- Family Residential	R-3 Multi- Family Residential	R-V Residential Village
<b>A. Residential</b>					
1. Single-Family detached dwelling	P	P	P		P
2. Two- Family dwelling					C
3. Multi- Family dwelling				P	
4. Family Home for handicap	C	C	C	C	C
5. Group Home for handicap				C	
6. Planned unit residential development	P	P	P		P
7. Platted subdivision	P	P	P	P	P

Section 310.03 A Proposed (shown in bold):

	O-C Open Space Conservation	R-1 Single- Family Residential	R-2 Single- Family Residential	R-3 Multi- Family Residential	R-V Residential Village
<b>A. Residential</b>					
1. Single-Family detached dwelling	P	P	P		P
2. Two- Family dwelling					C
3. Multi- Family dwelling				P	
4. Family Home for handicap	C	C	C	C	C
5. Group Home				C	

for handicap					
6. Planned unit residential development	C	C	C		C
7. Platted subdivision	P	P	P	P	P

There were no comments or concerns from the public. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-159 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins to amend zoning amendment ZC2015-013 – Section 320.04D – Dwelling Types in Planned Residential Developments upon the recommendation of the Rootstown Zoning Commission as follows:

Section 320.04 D – Planned Residential Developments

Section 320.04 D Existing:

D. Dwelling Types. The types of dwelling units that may be included as part of a PRD are listed below in Schedule 320.04, and are noted by the letter "P" for the district in which the PRD is located.

Schedule 320.04

	O-C	R-1	R-2	R-V
A. Standard detached single-family on lot	P	P	P	P
B. Cluster detached single-family	P	P	P	P
C. Attached single-family		P	P	P
D. Maximum number of units permitted to be attached		4	6	6

Section 320.04 D Proposed (shown in bold):

D. Dwelling Types. The types of dwelling units that may be included as part of a PRD are listed below in Schedule 320.04, and are noted by the letter "C" for the district in which the PRD is located.

Schedule 320.04

	O-C	R-1	R-2	R-V
A. Standard detached single-family on lot	C	C	C	C
B. Cluster detached single-family	C	C	C	C
C. Attached single-family		C	C	C
D. Maximum number of units permitted to be attached		4	6	6

There were no comments or concerns from the public. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Dave McIntyre, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Eric Shoulber of Hattrick Road asked how long the railroad crossings were going to be under construction. Linda said the rail way is currently working in Atwater Township and moving this way. Dave said it is not a project of the Township or County's; it is the railway's responsibility.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dave spoke to the Bill Steiner, District Coordinator of the Solid Waste Management regarding the curb side recycling program. Dave suggested holding a public hearing towards the beginning of November. JoAnn will contact Bill Steiner to schedule.

Linda said the Visitors Bureau sent out 21,000 booklets and there is mention of the Community Expo in there.

Resolution No. 2015-160 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move into executive session at 6:30 PM to discuss legal issues regarding the JEDD with Attorney Chad Murdock. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

Resolution No. 2015-161 - Upon conclusion of the above referenced discussion a motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by David McIntyre for the Rootstown Township

Trustees to move out of executive session at 7:45 PM. Upon roll call the vote as follows:  
Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

After exiting Executive Session, the Trustees took no action.

Resolution No. 2015-162 - Motion by Dave McIntyre to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dave McIntyre, Chairman

  
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JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer