

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

### **October 14, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on October 14, 2014. Those in attendance were Trustees Joe Paulus, Linda Hankins and David McIntyre, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Road Superintendent Bill Hahn, Zoning Inspector Mark Tirpak, Administrative Assistant Jordan Michael and Trustees Assistant Julie Gonzales.

**Resolution No. 2014-146** – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to accept the minutes of September 23, 2014. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, David McIntyre, yea.

- ❖ Eugene Muldowney was present to inform the Trustees and citizens that he is running for Common Pleas Judge in November.

#### **FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Linda reported the following:

Chief Palmer is still in the processing of getting bids for painting the truck.

#### **ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Bill informed the Trustees he will need to purchase three plow blades for the winter season. He will obtain quotes to present at the next meeting.

The Road Crew will install the pipe at the park by this week, weather permitting.

The Road Department borrowed Randolph Township's road grater to grate the road at the park.

Bill would like get a demo of a zero turn mower in the spring. This mower would save the crew approximately four (4) hours of mowing time.

#### **Cemetery**

There were three (3) funerals since the last meeting.

#### **Park**

Bill will soon be turning off the water at the park.

Linda reported the area churches are sponsoring a 5K run on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the park. The Board agreed to keep the port-o-potties longer due to the run.

The Board agreed to send a letter to Don Smith who leases the land at the Community Park informing him this will be his last planting season.

Joe received information regarding the road signs. There is nothing we need to do at this time.

Dave said there was a good turn out at the Cemetery Walk last weekend.

Joe asked Bill to check the following items at the cemetery.

- Tall grass by the fence at the cemetery; it looks like it is growing through the fence.
- Several trees need pruned.
- Several old stones look like they are falling.

The Board discussed purchasing a gas powered trimmer.

The Board agreed for Bill to attend the Pavement Preservation Seminar on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Tallmadge from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. There is no charge.

Joe received an email from Sam Ailabouni of Aspen Energy Corp regarding a quote for street lighting.

### **ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT**

Regional Planning Commission will be discussing the Zoning Commission resolution changes in November.

Mark and Jordan presented a Zoning Complaint Form to the Board. They will be completing this form to log complaints residents may have.

Mark asked Chris Meduri to give him any information he could regarding the Angelo's Pizzeria court case. Chris said he would check.

Mark said there were several violations letters mailed.

There have been complaints regarding the motocross track and shooting guns in Forest Glen Development. The Sheriff's Department was contacted.

The Trustees discussed how many days' signs for candidates can be placed. Chris suggested the Board keeping it at 45 days.

Joe received a map of the next Phase of Wintergreen Point Subdivision. The Board agreed for Bill to work with the County Engineer to obtain bonds with the contractor.

### **FISCAL OFFICER**

**Resolution No. 2014-147** - Motion by Linda Hankins and seconded by Dave McIntyre to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea, David McIntyre, yea.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2014-148** – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Dave McIntyre for the Zoning Commission to create separate districts for Muzzy and Sandy Lake Development. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

Susan White told Joe that her property on South Prospect Street is listed for \$700,000.

NEOMED Zoning Violation Discussion

Also attending: Chris Meduri, legal counsel for the Township and Mike Kerrigan, NEOMED

Mark sent a violation letter to NEOMED regarding the Village Drive Entry sign. Mark said NEOMED did not purchase a permit for the sign to be placed and it is too big. There is a ten (10) day notice to comply. The Board is also concerned for a retail strip potentially being built near the college. Mr. Meduri said he believes if this would go to court; the court would favor of the Township because retail is non-educational. Mr. Kerrigan said NEOMED is a State institution and zoning does not have the authority to enforce regulations. Mike said their Leadership Team is reviewing the violation letter and will reply back to the Trustees.

**Resolution No. 2014-149** – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move into executive session at 6:55 PM to discuss employee compensation. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

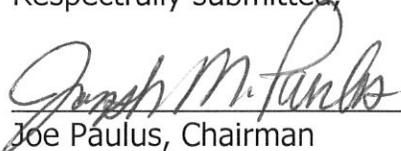
**Resolution No. 2014-150** - Upon conclusion of the above referenced discussion a motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Linda Hankins for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move out of executive session at 8:10 PM. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

After exiting Executive Session, the Trustees took the following action.

**Resolution No. 2014-151** – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to implement an adjustment in the wage scale for the Road Department. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Joe Paulus, yea, Linda Hankins, yea; David McIntyre, yea.

**Resolution No. 2014-152** - Motion by Joe Paulus to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joe Paulus, Chairman

  
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JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer