

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES October 22, 2013

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on October 22, 2013. Those in attendance were Trustees Diane Dillon, Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Bill Hahn, Jim Mahood and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2013-152 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus to accept the minutes of October 8, 2013. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Road Crew replaced the oil pan on the International truck. The work was completed in-house which saved the Township \$520.00.

They also replaced the axle bearings and front brakes and rotors on the Ford. This was also repaired in-house saving \$550.00.

Bill received the following quotes to replace the tires on the Ford.

Ziegler Tire	\$ 2,447.16 (Michelin tire)
Kauffman Tire	\$ 1,795.45 (Goodyear)
Defer Tire	\$ 1,787.58 (Firestone)

Bill recommended Kauffman Tire.

Resolution No. 2013-153 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to purchase a set of tires from Kauffman Tire in an amount not to exceed \$1,795.45 for the Ford truck. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

Bill got a copy of the tax map of Sabin Road where the flooding issues have been occurring. Bill said the County is working on the issues with the ditch. The Board agreed to send a letter to the residents that are affected informing them that the Trustees have addressed this issue.

The roads are almost striped. Bill has a message asking them when this will be completed.

Dominic's Tree Services is almost done cutting the dead trees along several roads.

Cemetery

There was one cremation since the last meeting.

The cemetery footers have been completed.

Park

The park will be closed at the end of this month.

The trash dumpsters will also be removed at the end of the month.

The Road Crew will begin working on the trails at the park. Bill is checking to see how much grindings it will take for the trails and report back to the Board.

The Road Crew and Zoning Department were supposed to work Columbus Day (October 14th). Bill said the Road Crew took off Columbus Day. They are asking permission to work Veterans Day to make it up so they will be able to have the day after Thanksgiving.

Resolution No. 2013-154 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to allow the Road Crew and Zoning Department to work on Veteran’s Day, Monday, November 11, 2013 since they inadvertently took off Columbus Day. The Road Crew and Zoning Department will then be permitted to take off the day after Thanksgiving. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

There were two (2) acts of business.

- ↓ 1 – Agricultural
- ↓ 1 – Deck

One mylar was signed.

There were three (3) violation letters sent.

- ↓ 4165 Ruth Drive – Inoperable Vehicle
- ↓ 4165 Ruth Drive – No Zoning Cert.
- ↓ 4233 Sabin Drive – Nuisance “Second Request”

Jim reported a leak in the bathroom at the rental house. Don Litsinger patched a couple of holes in the ceiling but the next day it was leaking again. Jim said that he, Bill and John would be able to drywall the ceiling if needed. Jim also thought a portion of the roof may need replaced. Don will come out again to look at it.

Resolution No. 2013-155 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Diane Dillon to repair the leak in the bathroom of the rental house. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

Diane asked the status of the violation on Sandy Lake Road. Jim said the resident is making bags out of his home and big semi's are going down the road and his driveway. Jim told the resident that since it is a residential neighborhood only Fed Ex or UPS are permitted.

Diane said since the lease agreement on the rental house was signed by a different Board years ago. The next Board may want to consider reviewing the agreement. She will forward it to Brett and Joe.

Judy Adamson will transcribe the meeting minutes of the Zoning Commission Meeting held October 21st.

6:00 PM Sean Spruce, Burnham & Flowers was present to give the Board an update on the Affordable Healthcare Act.

6:00 PM – Trustee Paulus left the meeting.

**Diane Dillon called the Public Meeting to order at 6:23 PM –
Fire Department Ambulance Billing**

Diane presented a resolution adopted March 13, 2012 (2012-046) where the Board of Trustees agreed to utilize soft billing for ambulance transport for residents through Life Force Management and to accept insurance companies payments only and that any resident not having insurance coverage would not be billed.

Diane suggested amending the ambulance billing resolution due to the fact of the increase in calls to NEOMED to include the following:

Persons residing upon non-tax paying properties will also be considered non-residents and follow the same payment structure as non-residents effective November 1, 2013; and

Resolution No. 2013-156 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and second by Brett Housley to amend Resolution 2012-046 adopted March 13, 2012 where the Board of Trustees agreed to utilize soft billing for ambulance transport for residents through Life Force Management and to accept insurance companies payments only and that any resident not having insurance coverage would not be billed. The Board agreed to include the following:

Persons residing upon non-tax paying properties will also be considered non-residents and follow the same payment structure as non-residents effective November 1, 2013; and

Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, absent, Diane Dillon, yea.

Diane presented another resolution providing for additional billing to Township users of fire services. The Township may provide fire protection services and assess charges for false alarms from an automatic alarm system at a commercial establishment or residential building. The total costs to provide fire services and emergency medical services have increased significantly. Diane suggested implementing the following charges:

- i. Rootstown Township will charge the property operator for false alarms from an automatic fire alarm at a commercial or residential building after three false alarms within the same calendar year.
- ii. Rootstown Township will follow the notice requirements as specified in Ohio Revised Code 505.391.
- iii. The cost charged will be \$300 per false alarm in excess of three (3) per calendar year.
- iv. Costs not paid within sixty (60) days will be pursued and collected as allowed by Ohio law.

Resolution No. 2013-157 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Brett Housley for the Township to assess charges for false alarms from an automatic alarm system at a commercial establishment or residential building. The total costs to provide fire services and emergency medical services have increased significantly. The Board of Trustees of Rootstown Township will implement the following additional charges for fire services effective January 1, 2014:

- v. Rootstown Township will charge the property operator for false alarms from an automatic fire alarm at a commercial or residential building after three false alarms within the same calendar year.
- vi. Rootstown Township will follow the notice requirements as specified in Ohio Revised Code 505.391.
- vii. The cost charged will be \$300 per false alarm in excess of three (3) per calendar year.
- viii. Costs not paid within sixty (60) days will be pursued and collected as allowed by Ohio law.

The Rootstown Township Fiscal Officer be and is directed to maintain a copy of this resolution in the Township Office for inspection by the public. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, absent, Diane Dillon, yea.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:42 PM.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Diane reported the following:

Diane said the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Fire Department was a great success. She would like to thank John & Marion Gordon for their time and effort that they spent on the celebration.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2013-158 - Motion by Brett Housley 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, absent, Diane Dillon, yea.

JoAnn informed the Trustees that the Vision and Dental insurance increased 2%.

Resolution No. 2013-159 - Motion by Brett Housley to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Housley, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer