

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

October 23, 2012

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on October 23, 2012. Those in attendance were Trustees Diane Dillon, Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Chief Charles Palmer, Bill Hahn and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2012-158 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to accept the minutes of October 9, 2012. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The three roads that were chipped will be striped this week.

The plow blades have arrived.

Cemetery

There was one full burial since the last meeting.

Bill is still in the process of getting the numbers on the graves without headstones.

The water will be turned off at the cemetery tomorrow (10/24/12).

Park

Bill reported someone turfed the park; a Sheriff's report was filed. They may have a suspect as to who is responsible. The crew will install posts by the walking trails.

The crew has begun to stain the pavilions.

The water will also be turned off at the park until spring.

Bill will have the dumpster at the park removed next week. He will contact Mr. Begue to begin opening/closing the park at the end of the month.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

Trustee Housley reported the following:

There were three (3) acts of business.

- ✓ 1 Accessory building

- ✓ 1 Shed
- ✓ 1 Commercial Permit

There were three violation letters sent.

Brett attended the Zoning Board of Appeals and Zoning Commission Board. They have been discussing updating the Zoning Commission book. Todd Peetz from Regional Planning Commission would like to meet with the Trustees on November 27th.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Palmer reported members are training at the Kent State Allerton Apartments. They are conducting live burn training scenarios. This training will conclude by the end of the year.

The following is a breakdown for September 2012 non-resident ambulance billing:

Billed Amount:	\$29,727.00
Collected Amount:	\$9,476.39
Year to date Billed	\$216,873.80
Year to date Collected:	\$75,659.78

Resolution No. 2012-159 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus upon the recommendation of Chief Palmer to promote Firemedic Randy Porter to Lieutenant effective November 2, 2012. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2012-160 - 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.

Resolution No. 2012-161 – Motion was mad by Brett Housley and seconded by Joe Paulus to accept the tax amounts and rates as determined by the Portage County Budget Commission for FY 2013. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

JoAnn received a letter from Visions in Portage County informing us that they are still in need of volunteers for their committee. Vision in Portage could be a community resident approved by the Trustees.

JoAnn gave the Trustees information on Issues 1 and 2 from the State.

RESIDENTS

Darrell Wayt asked why the Trustees were going into executive session. Brett said to discuss personnel issues.

John Gordon suggested a levy for the Road Department to increase their salaries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Trustees are still working on the sale of the lot on Sapphire Lane.

The Trustees had agreed for the Road Department to work Columbus Day to have off the day after Thanksgiving; according to Chris Meduri, Columbus Day is a legal holiday and can not be given away as a free day. The Board agreed to give the Road Department the day after Thanksgiving. The change will be made in the Personnel Manual.

Brett has the magnets for the Community Expo on Saturday.

Brett left a message regarding the railroad quiet zone.

After discussion of the usage of the Town Hall; the Board agreed to keep it a non-profit, civics organization and for Township business.

Resolution No. 2012-162 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move into executive session at 6:15 PM to discuss personnel issues. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

Resolution No. 2012-163 - Upon conclusion of the above referenced discussion a motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Joe Paulus that the Rootstown Township Trustees move out of executive session at 6:50 PM. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

After exiting Executive Session, the Trustees took no action.

Resolution No. 2012-164 - Motion by Diane Dillon to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Dillon, Chairperson

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer