

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
October 26, 2011

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Trustees Diane, Dillon, Bonnie Howe and Brett Housley; JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief Palmer, Assistant Fire Chief Jack Duffy and Assistant Prosecutor Chris Meduri

Resolution 2011-182 - Motion was made by Bonnie Howe and seconded by Diane Dillon to approve the minutes of October 11, 2011. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Bonnie Howe - Yea; Brett Housley - Yea; Diane Dillon - Yea.

Resolution 2011-183 - Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Bonnie Howe to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Bonnie Howe - Yea; Brett Housley - Yea; Diane Dillon - Yea

TRUSTEES DISCUSSION:

Brett reported that the light for the flagpole at the Town Hall was reported out by Gene Mills. Bonnie is to relay it to Bill Hahn for repair.

Bonnie reported that water was reported to be over the road at 5171 Campbellsport Rd., Bonnie suggested it could be a broken tile or ditch problems and is concerned it will be an ice problem in winter.

Diane asked that the Trustees acknowledge a generous donation for the Township Park that was received from the Swinehart's and that a letter of thanks is sent to them.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT GIVEN BY BONNIE HOWE

The 2011 road project is to begin as soon as the weather permits, hopefully by the end of the week.

The BUSTR report was received.

The Chevy dump truck went to Lang's for repairs.

The road dept. went to SealMaster and purchased more crack sealer.

Lockhart Contracting asked to replace their bond.

The Road department's NOPEC reports were mailed in.

There were no funerals.

Trees were ordered for the park.

## ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT GIVEN BY BRETT HOUSLEY

There were two permits issued for sheds.

There were two violation letters issued.

One variance application and one conditional permit were approved.

The annual zoning workshop will be held Friday, November 18, 2011. Those attending are Jim Mahood, George Tishma and Troy Cutright.

The following individuals were acknowledged as also being in attendance at this meeting:

Randy Porter \*  
Justin De Luke \*  
Ryan Gray \*  
Jeff Tyler \*  
Daniel Leffler  
Ross Moore \*  
Jack Duffy  
Charles Palmer \*  
Chris Meduri  
JoAnn Townend  
Bonnie Howe  
Diane Dillon  
Brett Housley

\* Denotes individuals that were sworn in by Trustee Brett Housley.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT HEARING.

Trustee Housley asked if Fire employee Ross Moore received notification of tonight's meeting, to which he replied that he had. Trustee Housley further stated that we are now in public session but Mr. Moore could request that the hearing move into an executive session.

Mr. Moore requested that the hearing move into an executive session.

Resolution 2011 - 184 -Motion by Brett Housley and seconded by Diane Dillon to enter an executive session at 6:05 p.m. for the purpose to consider discipline, dismissal and/or removal of a member of the Rootstown Township Fire Department. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Bonnie Howe - Yea; Brett Housley - Yea; Diane Dillon - Yea

Resolution 2011 - 185 -Motion by Diane Dillon and seconded by Bonnie Howe to exit executive session at 9:04 p.m. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Bonnie Howe - Yea; Brett Housley - Yea; Diane Dillon - Yea

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, asked if there was any action coming from the executive session.

Resolution 2011 - 186 -Motion by Brett Housley and seconded by Bonnie Howe to propose the following actions to Fire Department employee Ross Moore:

1. Sixty (60) calendar days of unpaid suspension to begin on October 27, 2011.
2. Demotion to fire medic.
3. Reduction in pay.
4. Counseling per the Rootstown Fire Chief's recommendation.
5. Last chance agreement to be drafted by Mr. Moore's attorney Mr. Leffler. Mr. Leffler is to submit the agreement to Prosecuting Attorney Chris Meduri within thirty (30) days. Attorney Meduri will then present the agreement to the Trustees for approval.
6. For any further issues concerning Mr. Moore, the Fire Chief will relay them to Mr. Moore's attorney who in turn will contact Mr. Moore.
7. Mr. Moore is to sign a waiver allowing the Fire Chief access to his counseling records.
8. Mr. Moore is expected to complete all required counseling.
9. Part of Mr. Moore's return to active duty will be progressive counseling reports.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Bonnie Howe - Yea; Brett Housley - Yea; Diane Dillon - Yea

Mr. Moore and Attorney Leffler exited the room to consider the proposal by the Trustees.

Resolution 2011 - 187 - Motion by Diane Dillon and seconded by Bonnie Howe to move the next Trustees meeting to Monday, November 7, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Moore and Attorney Leffler re-entered and accepted the proposal offered by the Trustees.

Resolution 2011-188- Motion was made by Brett Housley to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brett Housley, Chairman

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JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer