

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES November 12, 2013

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on November 12, 2013. Those in attendance were Trustees Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, John Lallathin, Jim Mahood, Van Black and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2013-160 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to accept the minutes of October 22, 2013. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, absent.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

John reported the International truck is in the garage, there was antifreeze leaking from the radiator. It should be repaired at the end of the week.

John said the trees for the park will be picked up next week. They will replace the trees that have died first.

The tires have been installed on the Ford.

The roads have been striped.

The dead trees/limbs have been cut along the Township roads.

Cemetery

There were no funerals since the last meeting.

Park

The park is closed and the tables have been locked up under the pavilion.

The Board agreed to allow the Road Crew to attend the Portage Marble and Granite Open House Luncheon on Friday.

Linda Hankins said while campaigning; a resident on Ruth Drive said during hard rains their ditch floods. John said he remembers Bill checking on the right away of that ditch. Gary Snyder of Ruth Drive said it all begins from a pipe behind the schools. It has been a problem for years.

Joe is in the process of mailing letters to the residents on Sabin Drive but isn't sure where the flooding issues begin/end.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

There were three (3) acts of business.

- ❖ 1 – Tear Down
- ❖ 1 – Accessory Building
- ❖ 1 – Single Family Home

There was one conditional permit applied for from Gerald Boso of South Prospect Street.

Jim gave the Trustees a copy of a letter from Nicholas Hershberger, CESO withdrawing their rezoning application on behalf of the Speedway expansion.

Resolution No. 2013-161 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to cancel the Zoning Public Hearing for ZC 2013-002 regarding the Speedway Expansion Project based on the November 7, 2013 correspondence from Nicholas Hershberger, CESO who formally withdrew the rezoning application for 4128 Lynn Road - proposed rezoning of the property from Residential Office District (R-O) to Highway Interchange District (C-3). Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, absent.

Jim asked JoAnn for more pre-stamped envelopes.

The Board accepted Jim Mahood, Zoning Inspectors letter of resignation. Jim offered to help out during the transition period until a new Zoning Inspector is hired and trained.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2013-162 - 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: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Laura and Gary Snyder of Ruth Drive were present to express their concerns of the on going issue of their neighbor's eight (8) barking dogs. Mr. Snyder said they attended a Township meeting in 2009 regarding the same issue. He referred to the Township resolution dated September 2002. In 2009, he formally made a complaint with the Trustees, Dog Warden and Sheriff's Department. He also received a letter from Chris Meduri, Prosecutor's Office stating that it is OK for the Township to enforce the barking dog issue. He received a letter from Sgt. Greg Johnson recommending the procedures that should be taken. Mr. Snyder said no one is willing to enforce anything. Dave McIntyre, Portage County Dog Warden was present stating that the law for "kennel" has been

rewritten. Mr. McIntyre recommends checking with the Auditor's Office to see if sales taxes are being made and if they are operating a home business. Mr. Snyder said his neighbor has accused him of damaging his property and called the Sheriff's Department on his wife because she asked him to please make the dogs quiet. Brett said he would contact Chris Meduri for an update on the law for barking dogs.

Linda Hankins said several residents mentioned that the Trustees meeting are held too early and suggested a later time. Brett said the meeting time can be discussed and changed at the first meeting of the year.

Resolution No. 2013-163 – Motion was made by Brett Housley and seconded by Joe Paulus for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move into executive session at 6:20 PM to discuss employment issues. Also present: Jim Mahood. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, absent.

Resolution No. 2013-164 - Upon conclusion of the above referenced discussion a motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move out of executive session at 6:55 PM. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, absent.

After exiting Executive Session, the Trustees made the following motion.

Resolution No. 2013-165 – Motion was made by Brett Housley and seconded by Joe Paulus to hire Jim Mahood to work two (2) evenings per week for approximately 4-10 hours per week at his current rate of pay during the transition period of replacing the Zoning Inspector position. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, absent.

JoAnn will post the position in the newspaper.

Resolution No. 2013-166 - Motion by Joe Paulus to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Housley, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer