

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES November 26, 2013

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on November 26, 2013. Those in attendance were Trustees Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Chief Charles Palmer, Bill Hahn, Van Black, and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2013-167 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to accept the minutes of November 12, 2013. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, absent.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Bill reported the International Sterling Truck is still in the shop. The coolers and turbo units need replaced. The cost is \$7,755.93. This has been an on going issue with this truck and now it is not under warranty. Bill suggests asking the corporate office for the parts to be under warranty and the Township pay labor fees. Brett suggested Bill contact Chris Meduri and explain the situation and request that a letter be sent to the corporate office.

Resolution No. 2013-168 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to replace the coolers and turbo unit on the International Sterling Truck from Rush Truck Center in the amount not to exceed \$7,755.93. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, absent.

Because the truck is out of service; the trees for the park have not been picked up from Davey Tree.

The tires on the Ford have been put on. Bill said the Goodyear tires were out of stock, so they put Michelin tires on, which are a better tire, and we were charged less.

Bill ordered 150 tons of salt.

Bill gave the Trustees specifications of the Case Excavator he would like to purchase for the Road Department. This would take the place of the back hoe which digs ditches, crossovers and for use at the cemetery. Bill said this piece of equipment would be safer to use. There is a three year warranty. The cost is \$64,000 and approximately \$10,000 trade in value on the current back hoe making the cost \$ 54,000. JoAnn said she would have to do some figures and get back to the Trustees. Bill said if the Board agreed we would have to commit in December to get that price.

Bill gave Joe the signed agreement with NEOMED regarding Loretta Drive.

Joe said a resident asked him about the bump on Hattrick Road where the crew installed the crossover culvert. Bill said there is not a structural issue and will not cave in; this will be fixed when the road is repaved.

Cemetery

There was one funeral since the last meeting

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

There were four (4) acts of business.

- ↓ 2 – Fences
- ↓ 1 – Detached Garage
- ↓ 1 – Agricultural

- ↓ 2 – Mylars

There was one violation letter sent.

A conditional permit was issued to Gerald Boso of S. Prospect Street.

Van received eleven phone calls since the last meeting.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Palmer reported the new ladder truck's ERG cooler needs replaced. It will be completed on December 4th. There is a \$100.00 deductible on the warranty.

They have been working on the AFG Federal Grant and it will be completed tomorrow. This grant will buy new turn out gear for the members. This is the same grant that was applied for ten years ago and we are eligible to re-apply every ten years.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2013-169 - 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.

JoAnn received a letter from Ohio Department of Transportation regarding funding that is available for systematic signage intersection and curve upgrades for Ohio Townships. Rootstown is eligibility to apply for this grant. The deadline is January 21, 2014. Joe said he will look over the grant information.

JoAnn received a notice from the Portage County Regional Planning Commission regarding the 2014 membership dues. The Board agreed they are no longer a member. JoAnn will contact Regional Planning.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT

Nick Billock of Passion Community Church was present requesting use of the Townhall from April 3, 2014 through May 29, 2014 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM to hold a Financial Planning Class. This would also be open to the public. Joe gave Mr. Billock the agreement and he will complete and return in January. Mr. Billock asked if he would be able to use the sign at the Townhall. The Board agreed it is only for Township business. Joe suggested contacting the Rootstown Chamber of Commerce to use the sign in the center of town. Linda Hankins said First Place Bank has the forms he needs to complete for use of the sign.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board agreed to reschedule their December 24, 2013 meeting for Friday, December 20, 2013 at 5:30 PM at the Townhall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brett spoke to Chris Meduri regarding the citizen complaint regarding barking dogs on Ruth Drive. Chris said in the past there was a lawsuit from someone that went to the Eleven Court of Appeals. He said you would need to get decibel sounds of the barking dog; it would be a big process. Brett has contacted the citizen to let him know.

Resolution No. 2013-170 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move into executive session at 6:25 PM to discuss hiring a new zoning inspector. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, absent, Joe Paulus, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

Resolution No. 2013-171 - 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 7:00 PM. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Diane Dillon, absent.

After exiting Executive Session, the Trustees took no action.

Resolution No. 2013–172 - Motion by Brett Housley to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rootstown Township Meeting Minutes
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Brett Housley, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer