

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

November 27, 2012

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on November 27, 2012. Those in attendance were Trustees Brett Housley and Joe Paulus, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Chief Charles Palmer, Bill Hahn and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2012-172 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus seconded by Brett Housley to accept the minutes of November 13, 2012. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, absent, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Bill reported August Drive will be closed Friday, November 30th.

Clover Drive repaving project has been completed.

Bill asked if he could order sweatshirts for the road crew from Cintas at a cost of \$26.75/each. Roger Carpenter was present and thought he could quote a better price. The Board agreed to make a decision at the next board meeting.

The weight reduced signs have been installed.

Cemetery

There were no funerals since the last meeting.

Jeff Parson has completed mowing for the year.

Park

The signs have been installed around the pond.

The tables, benches and trash bins have been stored and locked up in the pavilions.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

Trustee Housley reported the following:

There were three (3) acts of business.

- 2 – Single Family
- 1 – Agriculture

Jim and Brett have been working with Delphi regarding the brownfields. Todd Peetz from Portage County Regional Planning Commission was present and stated that grants have been used in the past for brownfields.

Joe attended the Township Association Meeting and was informed that according to the recent OAG Opinion 2012-038 a Board of township trustees does not have the authority to permit a private entity or person using private funds to erect a freestanding memorial to deceased or injured motorcyclists in a township cemetery.

Resolution No. 2012-173 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to add the following to the Homeland Cemetery Rules and Regulations according to OAG Opinion 2012-038 a Board of township trustees does not have the authority to permit a private entity or person using private funds to erect a freestanding memorial to deceased or injured motorcyclists in a township cemetery. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, absent, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Palmer was present but had nothing to report at this time.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2012-174 - 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, absent, Brett Housley, yea, Joe Paulus, yea.

JoAnn received the November 26, 2012 Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a request for change in stockholders from Timothy Mellin to Timothy Gay for the New Milford Café LTD, 4927 Greenwood Drive, Rootstown Township. The Trustees requested to have the Fiscal Officer sign and return the Notice.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Scott Fisher of Melverta Drive in Muzzy Lake was present regarding the ongoing flooding issues in Muzzy Lake. He is concerned with the construction at NEOMED and the fact there is no retention pond. Brett suggested he contact Jim Mahood regarding these zoning issues.

Wayne Shaffer was also present regarding the Muzzy Lake flooding. Mr. Shaffer thanked the Road Crew for cleaning the ditches/culverts. The water is draining a lot better. He said the water has gone down a lot but approximately 60 households are still threatened.

Todd Peetz from the Portage County Regional Planning Commission said there are grants through the Ohio Public Works that could help fix the flooding problems for the health and safety of the residents.

Mr. Shaffer asked if the pipe could be replaced under Mr. King's driveway. Brett said this is not in the right-of-way. Bill said the Road Crew could assist in installing the pipe but would not be responsible to pay for it. Joe said even if we did assist in replacing the culvert it could not be done now with the level of water or the driveway could be washed out as a result. Summer Carpenter asked if the public hearing for the garage/yard sales is going to be posted on the marquee at the Town Hall. Brett said he would ask Jim to post. She also suggested it to be posted on the web site. The residents of Rootstown need to be aware of these issues.

Roger Carpenter asked if the Trustees were planning on hiring a secretary for the Zoning Commission. Brett said the Trustees decided to have Jim Mahood type the meeting minutes. Mr. Carpenter indicated that the Zoning Commission Meeting minutes are not very detailed and some things that are in the minutes are not what was said. There are always two sides to a story. Mr. Carpenter also said Jim should not be running these meetings. Brett said he did not feel that Jim was in charge of the meetings, the chairperson should be. Joe said he did not attend the September meeting but had listened to the tape and he agrees with Brett, it did not seem like he was running the meeting. Mr. Carpenter disagrees.

Darrell Wayt was also present who also attended the September Zoning Commission Meeting and disagrees with the Trustees he feels Jim Mahood was running the meeting.

Todd Peetz of Portage County Regional Planning Commission attended to discuss evaluating the township's zoning code. He said it would take approximately 140 technical assistance (TA) hours. Mr. Peetz said the township carried over TA hours from 2011.

Resolution No. 2012-175 – Motion was made by Brett Housley and seconded by Joe Paulus to have Todd Peetz of the Portage County Regional Planning Commission evaluate the Rootstown Township zoning code and use 140 hours of their allowable technical assistance hours. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, absent, Joe Paulus, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

Resolution No. 2012-176 – Motion was made by Brett Housley and seconded by Joe Paulus to have Todd Peetz of the Portage County Regional Planning Commission to research grants through the Ohio Public Works for the Muzzy Lake flooding issue. This will use 2 hours of the Township's technical assistance hours. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, absent, Joe Paulus, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

The Board discussed with Mr. Peetz the possibility of terminating the township's membership with the Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Peetz summarized the different programs that are offered at RPC. The Trustees decided to make a decision at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe reported at the Township Association Meeting they were notified that the Bureau of Workers' Comp was lowered 5%. JoAnn said she received this information from BWC.

The Portage County Township Association changed their term for membership dues. It will now go from July 1st through June 30th.

The Board briefly discussed the Solid Waste Plan. There will be a public comment period on December 5th.

Resolution No. 2012-177 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to approve the emergency culvert jet flushing at Muzzy Lake for the flooding issues from the storm “Sandy”. The road crew began at Mr. King’s driveway to the Lynn Road culvert. The Board agreed that they are not setting precedence; this was an emergency situation. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, absent, Joe Paulus, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

Resolution No. 2012-178 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move into executive session at 7:30 PM to discuss compensation and personnel. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, absent, Joe Paulus, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

Resolution No. 2012-179 - Upon conclusion of the above referenced discussion a motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley that the Rootstown Township Trustees move out of executive session at 7:45 PM. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, absent, Joe Paulus, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

After exiting Executive Session, the Trustees took the following action.

Resolution No. 2012-180 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to promote John Lallathin to Assistant Road Crew Superintendent at a rate of \$17.00 per hour effective November 1, 2012. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, absent, Joe Paulus, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

Resolution No. 2012-181 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Brett Housley to hire Dale Mason as an on-call road crew worker at a rate of \$12.00 per hour contingent upon successfully completing drug testing and driving abstract. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, absent, Joe Paulus, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

Resolution No. 2012-182 - Motion by Joe Paulus to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Housley, Chairman

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JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer