

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
December 13, 2011

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on December 13, 2011. Those in attendance were Trustees Brett Housley, Bonnie Howe and Diane Dillon, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Bill Hahn, Jim Mahood, and Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2011-201 – Motion was made by Bonnie Howe and seconded by Brett Housley to accept the minutes of November 22, 2011. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley, yea, Bonnie Howe, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

Mr. John Valarinos was present regarding the process to vacate a piece of land he owns on State Route 44. The Board recommended he contact the Portage County Prosecutor's Office to seek advice.

Brett received an informational letter from Tom Buchanan informing the Board there will be barricades installed in Marsh Creek.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Bill reported they purchased a vacuum sweeper, mop, etc. from Lowe's to clean the Town Hall.

Bill reported the park concession stand was broke into again. The two bottom panels of the door were knocked out. He and John installed a wall behind the door. They will be installing a gate to put up around the door. Bill suggested installing flood lights. Diane suggested contacting Hot Stove to see what their plans are for the concession stand.

Bill said Rob Swauger contacted him and asked if he could cut a portion of the road on Wilson Avenue. Bill said the road is only 4 years old and asked that he pour under the road. The Board agreed.

The trees on Hattrick Road have been removed.

Bill reported two pins on the 99 super L backhoe need replaced. The approximate cost for both pins will be \$175.00-\$200.00 from Brust Sheet Metal. The crew will be installing them. The Board agreed for Bill to purchase them.

Bill will be attending the State drug class on December 20th from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM at Robinson Memorial Hospital.

Cemetery

There were no funerals since the last meeting.

Resolution No. 2011-202 – Motion was made by Bonnie Howe and seconded by Diane Dillon to hire Jeff Parsons Company to mow the Homeland Cemetery in an amount not to exceed \$475.00 per cut. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley, yea, Bonnie Howe, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

Bill is still working on the Reflective Sign Policy. He has been talking with other road supervisors in other townships regarding the policy. Bill said they will be replacing the Stop signs first. Brett suggested he contact Heidi from the Ohio Township Association for some guidance.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

There was four (4) act of business.

- Ø 1 – Shed
- Ø 1 – Detached Garage
- Ø 1 – Commercial
- Ø 1 – Single Family

One variance was applied for from Four Points Architectural Services who is renovating the apartment complex behind Giant Eagle.

Well permits were issued for John Asher of Rootstown Road and Don Litsinger on Tallmadge Road.

Jim gave the Board information from Probate Court regarding the Magargee property which has been extended until June 5, 2012.

Resolution No. 2011-203 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Bonnie Howe agreed to purchase a \$100.00 gift card from Giant Eagle for Van Black, Assistant Zoning Inspector who is recovering from surgery. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Bonnie Howe, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS

John and Barbara Brovarone from Rootstown Township and Sandy and Newt Engle from Randolph Township were present to encourage the Board to oppose hydraulic fracturing (fracking) until additional and updated safeguards are in place.

John Brovarone stated that the oil companies are out for fast, easy profits and accept no responsibility for the outcome of the drilling process. He referred to an event of well poisoning in Towanda, Pennsylvania and would like to see fracking stop until the necessary regulations catch up.

Mr. Brovarone handed out FRAC FAQ's sheets.

The Trustees are not in favor of fracking on Township property. The Randolph group suggested the Board make a public announcement.

The Trustees thanked the group for attending.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2011-204 - Motion by Diane Dillon and seconded by Bonnie Howe to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Brett Housley, yea, Bonnie Howe, yea, Diane Dillon, yea.

Resolution No. 2011-205 – Motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Bonnie Howe for the Rootstown Township Trustees to move into executive session at 6:45 PM to discuss personnel matters. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Bonnie Howe, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

Resolution No. 2011-206 - Upon conclusion of the above referenced discussion a motion was made by Diane Dillon and seconded by Bonnie Howe that the Rootstown Township Trustees move out of executive session at 7:00 PM. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Bonnie Howe, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

After exiting Executive Session, the Trustees took no action.

The Trustees acknowledged receipt of a resignation letter from Judy Adamson, Zoning Commission Secretary effective December 31, 2011.

Resolution No. 2011-207 – Motion was made by Bonnie Howe and seconded by Diane Dillon to approve bonuses in the Fire Department, Road and Zoning Departments, the secretaries of the Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Trustees. The Board agreed to give full-time employees \$250.00 and \$150.00 to part-time employees. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Diane Dillon, yea, Bonnie Howe, yea, Brett Housley, yea.

Resolution No. 2011–208 - Motion by Bonnie Howe to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Housley, Chairman

JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer