

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

January 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Trustees Robert McCracken, Roger Heineman, Todd Beeson, and Fiscal Officer Tom Knoedler were present.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes of the Jan. 4th 2013 Year-end meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Minutes of the Jan. 4th 2014 Reorganizational Meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Approve Bills:

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to approve payment of:

Payroll	\$ 45,020.33
Warrants	\$ 21,401.51
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 29,951.60</u>
Total	\$ 96,373.44

All voted YES.

The December 2013 bank statements are in balance and were reviewed by the Trustees as of month-end.

Guest Speaker:

Health Commissioner Patricia Sweeney explained the 41 percent across the board cuts for 2014 and their effect on the townships in the county, noting that the cuts will have less of an impact on townships without a landfill.

Sweeney said that the district will experience a \$600,000 shortfall in its 2014 budget due to the closing of the Central Waste landfill in Smith Township and other unusual expenditures. She said it is still unknown whether the cuts will be for just one year or longer.

She also thanked the Trustees for providing space in the building for the WIC program (Women Infants Children). WIC personnel are here weekly on Thursdays.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 1300 miles put on vehicles in December, there were 2 burials, 100 tons of salt/grit were applied to the roads, and 375 gallons of fuel were used.

Jim is still waiting on the new IH truck from Myers Equipment which they have had since mid-September. Jim also found out the snow plow and plow frame were not ordered until December 5th, even though he had been told in November that the frame was ready for pickup.

Jim presented a new Mailbox Damage Policy stating when the township would be responsible for fixing damaged mailboxes and when they would not be responsible. After review, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to approve this policy. All voted YES. The policy will be added to the township website, under the road department section.

Fire Report:

Derek Day reported that in December there were 4 fire runs and 21 EMS runs – 13 in Goshen, 4 in Butler, 4 Other . For 2013, there were 113 fire calls and 399 EMS runs - 217 in Goshen, 104 in Butler, 41 in Knox, and 37 other.

Recycling:

Nothing this month.

Police Report:

The Police District reported that there were 430 events in December and 5,863 miles were put on vehicles.

Sheri (Jervis) Bailey submitted her resignation, effective today. Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to accept this resignation. All voted YES.

The Chief recommended promoting Dustin Bridgeman from Reserve Officer to Part-time, effective Jan. 12th, at a \$12.00/hr rate. So moved by Heineman, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

Steve presented the new modified Firearms Policy and the modified Juvenile Policy. Beeson moved, seconded by McCracken, to approve these modified policies. All voted YES.

Steve noted that the towing contracts have been renewed for 2014. The companies are the same as last year. Companies are: Springer's, Wertz', Geary's, Gobel's and American. McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to approve the towing contracts. All voted YES.

Office Matt Beck is requesting a personal day earned for perfect attendance from July through December 2013. Moved by Beeson, seconded by Heineman, to approve the personal day. All voted YES.

The Chief also read two letters of accommodation for work done on the job:

Mike Wirkner for arrests in Green Township for theft.

Dave Eck for a narcotics bust in Goshen Township.

These accommodations will be put in their personnel files.

Public Comment:

None.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd noted the condition of Pine Lake Road is very bad. He will call the County Engineer’s office to discuss.

Todd thanked the Road Department for the good work they are doing in keeping our roads in good order during the past snow and ice periods.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger questioned the Clothing Allowance policy for part-time employees. His concern was with those that work few hours, but still are eligible for the allowance. Steve and Bob will see if the requirements need changing.

Trustee McCracken:

Bob presented a proposal from Unison Site Management to purchase our cell tower lease for \$150,000 - \$75,000 upon signing and \$75,000 at the 20th anniversary of the closing. After discussion, the Trustees agreed to table the offer until the next meeting, allowing time to discuss a new lease with AT&T.

Trustees then discussed the purchase of a new police cruiser to replace the oldest 2009 Tahoe which is 3 ½ years old. Prices after trade-in (Trade-in offer in parenthesis) are:

2014 Caprice	Stratton Chevrolet	\$18,000		(\$9700)
2014 Ford Taurus	Donnell Ford	\$20,400	AWD Turbo	
		\$18,540	2WD V6	(\$9870)
2014 Dodge Charger	Salem Jeep Dodge	\$16,745.50	Hemi	(\$9500)

After discussion, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to purchase the Dodge Charger from Salem Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge. All voted YES. (Resolution 2014-01)

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Motion by McCracken, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 7:55pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Trustee

Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer