

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**February 10, 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. 13<sup>th</sup> 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	\$ 43,786.10
Warrants	\$ 1,066.68
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 34,486.54</u>
Total	\$ 79,339.32

All voted YES.

The January 2014 bank statements are in balance and were reviewed by the Trustees as of month-end.

Fiscal Officer requests permission to advance \$10,000 from the 1000 General Fund to the 2031 Road & Bridge Fund to be able to pay bills until the property tax monies come from the County Auditor. (Resolution 2014-0210). So moved by Beeson, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

## **Road Report:**

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 3047 miles put on vehicles in January, there was 1 burial, 110 tons of salt/grit were applied to the roads, and 560 gallons of fuel were used.

The new IH truck was delivered last week and was used this weekend for plowing and salting. The truck has been at Myers Equipment since mid-September. The snow plow is not yet delivered, so they are using an old plow on the new truck.

The Mailbox Damage Policy is now on the township website.

Jim thanked Roger for helping with snow removal and repairs during a recent snow storm.

The Mahoning County Board of Health has sent a notice to have the septic tank pumped at the township garage. Jim will contact Charlie Hoffman for that service.

The township is getting very short on salt. We still have some available on our contract, but getting it delivered is a problem. Jim will begin rationing, salting intersections, but using salt sparingly on the roads.

**Fire Report:**

No fire report was presented for this meeting. Year-end compensation to the FPO (Fire Prevention Officer) will be reduced for one month.

**Recycling:**

Nothing this month.

**Police Report:**

The Police District reported that there were 515 events in January and 6,085 miles were put on vehicles.

Chief McDaniel recommended that we promote Steven Kotheimer from Reserve Officer to Part-time Officer, effective 02/09/2014. This rate will increase to \$12.00/hr. So moved by Beeson, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

The cost of the new Dodge cruiser will be \$15,089.50. Cost is lower because a package originally quoted is not needed and the change was submitted before the car was ordered.

Steve noted that equipment in the amount of \$5,107.58 has also been ordered for the car from HKG Enterprise and Fallsway Equipment. This includes light bars, lights, sirens, push bumpers, etc.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Trustee Beeson:**

Todd reported that the Trustees and Road Foreman attended their annual meeting with the Mahoning County Engineer in early February. The county will be paving Garfield Road from SR 534 to Seacrist Road, has purchased a bucket truck to trim trees, and has purchased a paver for spot paving. Goshen Township will get only 1 mile of roads surfaced by the county in 2014.

Todd also talked with Cerni Motors regarding the warranty on the new truck. As the truck has seen no service since being delivered to Myers Equipment in September, Cerni has agreed to begin the actual warranty period on the date the truck when delivered from Myers to Goshen Township. This will be a 5 month savings on our warranty time.

**Trustee Heineman:**

Roger complimented Jim and Randy on the good conditions of the township roads this winter. Goshen Township roads have been kept in better condition than both State and County roads.

**Trustee McCracken:**

The recycling bins at Colonial Villa will remain in place. Paul Manypenny will continue to police the items going into the bins and will keep the site neat. The management of Colonial Villa will pay for the will-call-when-full dumping of the bins.

Resolution 2014-0210b to support the Mahoning County Commissioners in obtaining a Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) grant under the Ohio Development Services Agency to provide consultation service for 9-1-1 for Mutual Public Safety Dispatching in Mahoning County. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES

Bob reported that there will be no Appliance & Electronics Drive this year due to the budget constraints of the Green Team.

The AT&T cell tower lease has been sold to Crown Castle. Bob has tried to contact them about our lease, but was told a new package will be sent to us in 3-4 months.

Armstrong Cable has announce rate changes to their customers. Telephone costs will decrease, TV Plus will increase, as will internet charges.

It was announced that Derek Day has been named as the new Fire Chief for the Damascus Fire Department. McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to appoint Derek as our Fire Prevention Officer (FPO). His contract will be \$3000 per year, based on contract requirements (see Fire notes above). All voted YES.

The older road truck has been lent to Berlin Center while their truck is being repaired. Jim noted that the truck is ready to be sold. Trustees recommended that Jim detail what has been replaced/fixed on the truck to be included in the sale ad. Jim will also ask Alliance Motors what they think the truck should be worth before any sale price is set.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00pm.  
Motion by McCracken, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 7:40pm. All voted YES.

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Robert McCracken, Chairman

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Roger Heineman, Trustee

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Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

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Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer