

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**March 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 Feb. 10th meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

## **Approve Bills:**

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

Payroll	\$ 46,724.18
Warrants	\$ 26,679.47
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 37,291.75</u>
Total	\$ 110,695.40

All voted YES.

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

Trustees McCracken and Heineman and Fiscal Officer Knoedler attended the annual Winter OTA meeting in Columbus. Many informational classes were attended during the 4 day conference.

## **Guests:**

Audrey Tillis and Annemarie DeAscentis from the County Commissioners Office spoke about the sales tax renewal which will be on the May ballot. Currently the county has a 1/2% sales tax on a 5-year renewal. In May, the county is asking for a 1/2% renewal on a continuous basis. This renewal is critical for the general fund and the county cannot operate without the renewal. The county's 2014 budget shows a \$1.4 million shortfall.

Annemarie also discussed the \$50,000 grant that the county has applied for to conduct a 9-1-1 emergency services communication study.

## **Road Report:**

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 1,959 miles put on vehicles in February, there were no burials, 64 tons of salt/grit were applied to the roads, and 560 gallons of fuel were used.

Jim reported a couple Diagonal Road residents are dissatisfied with the condition of the road after the ditching/roadwork from last summer. There are several spots where mud is seeping up through the road. Jim was given permission to get stone pricing for use on the road after spring thawing is complete.

Jim also discussed advertising the 1997 International Dump Truck by putting an ad in the OHIO TOWNSHIP NEWS. Discussion was held on selling the equipment as a package – truck, plow, spreader – or just selling the truck and keeping the plow and spreader as spares. It was decided to advertise as a package, with a minimum price of \$18,000.

Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to advertise for disposal of the truck. All voted YES. (Resolution 2014-03100)

Jim requested permission to attend the Ohio Utilities Protection class in Canton on April 8<sup>th</sup>, a 2-hour course. Trustees approved his attendance at this class.

### **Fire Report:**

Derek Day reported that in January there were 16 fire runs and 51 EMS runs – 22 in Goshen, 19 in Butler, 6 in Knox, and 4 others.

In February, there were 8 fire runs and 43 EMS runs – 25 in Goshen, 7 in Butler, 4 in Knox, and 7 others.

The department has sold the old firetruck to a department in Pennsylvania.

### **Recycling:**

Paul turned in \$84.00 from the sale of aluminum cans.

Paul asked for clarification on the Colonial Villa site. Bob noted that there were problems getting the wording on the contract agreeable with Colonial Villa management. A contract should be signed this week, as both parties are now in agreement on the wording. Colonial Villa will pay for the periodic bin dumpings. The Green Team will pay for up to 2 hazardous waste removals, then Colonial Villa will be responsible after that. To date, there has never been a hazardous waste problem at Colonial Villa.

Paul has set May 14<sup>th</sup> for the annual Scrap Drive and September 13<sup>th</sup> for the Electronics Drive and Customer Appreciation Day.

### **Police Report:**

The Police District reported that there were 457 events in February and 5,861 miles were put on vehicles.

Steve thanked Jim and Roger for keeping the parking lot cleaned out during the past couple snow storms.

Steve thanked the Fire Department for their help in transporting injured officer John Calko when he was involved in a traffic accident.

The Chief recommended hiring Dylan Schaefer as a Reserve Officer at \$8.00/hr. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

Officer David Eck has accepted a full-time position with the Dayton PD and has submitted his resignation effective March 10<sup>th</sup>. Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

The new Dodge Charger will be delivered to have decals installed tomorrow and other equipment will be installed once it is delivered to HKG. The car should be in service in 2–3 weeks.

**Public Comment:**

Abe Bricker discussed the Diagonal Road mud problem, suggesting that the problems should be fixed by the contractor, not the Road Dept. Jim noted that little can be done until warmer weather when the frost is out of the road and water is again flowing in the ditches.

Abe also questioned if roof repair had been started. Todd reported contractors cannot get onto the roof to prepare estimates while the roof is frozen. Walking on the roof now could cause additional cracks in the sealing membrane.

Tom Rhodes thanked the Road Department for the good condition of our roads and prompt snow removal. He also thanked Steve and the PD for helping the Fire Department.

Hilda Spack asked for flowers and a new planter for the Damascus Park. The township will pay for the planter and flowers and the Damascus Garden Club will do the planting. Trustees approved the purchase and thanked the Club for all their beautification efforts.

**Trustee Beeson:**

Todd reminded everyone that winter decorations should be removed from the cemeteries by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

He will get prices on LED exit lights.

Noted that after the roof thaws, he and contractors will prepare estimates for repairing the roof.

**Trustee Heineman:**

Roger reported the OTA Winter Conference was very good this year, with many classes on cemeteries. He also noted the trade show was bigger, with more vendors present.

**Trustee McCracken:**

The septic tank at the garage has not yet been pumped, due to weather. Bob has received instructions to have the tanks at the old town hall and the administration building also pumped. Jim will contact Charlie Hoffman for these projects.

The Metro Parks still has an interest in Bricker Park. Bob will see what they have to offer.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Motion by McCracken, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 8:30pm. 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