

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

April 14, 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 March 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	\$ 58,464.52
Warrants	\$ 14,559.17
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 81,361.66</u>
Total	\$ 154,385.35

All voted YES.

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

Cemetery Right of Burial transferred from Thomas Mather to John Woodman.

The 1997 IH truck has been advertised in the Ohio Township News magazine to come out in June and on the township website.

The septic tanks at the township garage and the administrative building have both been pumped.

Jim McCracken, part-time summer help, turned in his resignation, effective April 3, 2014.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 761 miles put on vehicles in March, there was one burial, 30 tons of salt/grit were applied to the roads, 3 tons of asphalt applied to potholes, and 140 gallons of fuel were used.

Jim presented pricing for #8 (\$27/ton) and #57 limestone (\$16/ton). After discussion, it was agreed upon to place an order for 350 tons of #57 limestone. McCracken then moved, seconded by Beeson, to order the limestone as soon as possible for delivery as available. All voted YES.

Jim then asked for a decision on the playground equipment. Keeping the equipment would mean some costs for repairing and altering for safety features, plus weekly records keeping on maintenances and usage. Trustees had already offered this equipment to any non-profit that would want it, but to date there has been no interest. Trustees agreed to have the road

department remove the playground, disposing of the tires and scrapping unusable steel at the May scrap drive.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that in March there were 13 fire runs and 52 EMS runs – 25 in Goshen, 17 in Butler, 4 in Knox, and 6 others. The department handled 3 serious vehicle accidents, one involving a one hour extrication, three house fires, one of which resulted in a death, and 239 hours of in-house training.

Derek encouraged everyone to wear seat belts when driving. He also asked for help from the Trustees in encouraging Mahoning County Engineer to repair county roads – specifically Garfield, Pine Lake, Middletown, Calla - which are very hard on response vehicles and are causing slower response times.

He also discussed open burning and noted the department is accepting applications for new members.

Recycling:

Paul reminded residents that there will be a scrap drive during daylight hours at the township garage from May 17-24 and the Green Team has authorized a Tire Drive which will be held in conjunction with our September 13 Electronic Drive / Customer Appreciation Day.

Police Report:

The Police District reported that there were 524 events in March and 5,828 miles were put on vehicles.

The Dodge Charger is now in service.

The department will begin May 1st with two new programs – “Elderly Call” and “Senior Watch”. Residents on “Elderly Call” will receive a welfare phone call weekly between 8am and 4pm on a designated day . If no answer, an officer would be dispatched to check on the resident. Those on “Senior Watch” will receive a visit from an officer one or more times each week to check on their welfare. Applications are available at the Administration Building or online at the Police website.

Steve also presented letters of commendation to Cpl. Karl Balasz and Detective Matt Beck for their life-saving assistance in December in Green Township and to Officer Anthony Pilolli for saving a life at a Boardman health club while off-duty.

Public Comment:

Judge Carol Robb introduced herself to the Trustees and audience and discussed programs she had initiated while being on the bench in Columbiana County.

Resident Tom Rhodes discussed the Damascus Fire Department’s need for new and younger members and the amount of time and training volunteers expend each year.

Trustee Beeson:

Trustees have not yet been on the roof as the roof has not yet warmed up enough to have traffic without further damage.

Todd priced new LED exit lights: \$166.50 from Grainger, \$64.90 from Home Depot, \$44.90 from Lowe's, and \$13.90 online. After discussion, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to purchase 2 from Lowe's, install them, and see how this model works out. All voted YES.

Todd will pick up cemetery flags on April 27th.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger has been watching the condition of Diagonal Road since the last meeting. He is seeing ice flowing from the tile and wants to wait until the ground thaws before determining if there is a problem. Both Roger and Bob have driven the road and haven't seen any soft spots in the roadway.

Trustee McCracken:

Bob presented the 2014 annual vehicle/property insurance premiums from OTARMA. The cost is only \$279 more than the 2013 premium costs. McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to stay with OTARMA. All voted YES.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to contract with O.D.O.T. for 325 tons of salt for the 2014-2015 season. All voted YES.

Bob will be meeting with Dennis Miller, Mill Creek Metro Parks Director, on April 24th to discuss Bricker Park.

Trustees voted to pursue a catch basin replacement project in Damascus by applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

Crown Castle submitted paperwork on the AT&T tower lease program which they recently took over. Bob is awaiting our new monthly lease pricing figures which will be available at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Motion by McCracken, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 7:50pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer