

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

May 12, 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 April 14th 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	\$ 43,038.41
Warrants	\$ 23,566.51
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 26,950.43</u>
Total	\$ 93,555.35

All voted YES.

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

The 1997 IH truck has been advertised in the May/June Ohio Township News magazine.

As a heads-up, Tom noted probable changes to BWC (HB493). In the past, BWC has been billed for prior years, based on salaries. Starting in 2015, the township will be billed for prior year 2014 AND current year 2015. (cost was \$9500 in 2014)

We have again received a bill from Myers Equipment for \$53,030, but will not pay this bill until repairs to the new truck are made. Myers is aware of needed changes, but are not scheduling repairs and have not returned phone calls.

The Green Team Site Lease agreement in the amount of \$7,080 has arrived. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to renew this contract for one year. All voted YES.

Disposition of the playground equipment was discussed. As there are several individuals interested in the equipment, it was agreed to hold a public auction on May 31st at 10:00am. An auction notice will be placed in the Salem News and information and pictures will be placed on our website. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to place the ad notice. All voted YES.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 1351 miles put on vehicles in April, there were no burials, 20 tons of asphalt applied to potholes, and 191 gallons of fuel were used.

Jim expressed concern that headstone foundations probably will not be poured before Memorial Day due to very wet conditions in the cemeteries. Also, roadside mowing is also being delayed due to water in the ditches and wet soil.

Jim has not yet ordered stone until he is sure there is money to chip seal Diagonal Road. His road budget does not have enough to cover paving costs. Bob suggested that paving costs could be taken from the \$50,000 set aside in the General Fund. Jim will now order the stone.

Jim still needs a helper for summer mowing. It was suggested that Mike Bardo or Greg Sharp at West Branch Schools be contacted to see if there was a student who might be interested in helping. Roger will contact one of those teachers.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in April there were 7 fire runs and 39 EMS runs – 19 in Goshen, 10 in Butler, 8 in Knox, and 2 others.

Goshen has received an EMS transport bill from the Beloit FD. Tom and the DFD will take care of that bill.

The Fire Department is still in need of new members. If interested, contact the Fire Chief.

Recycling:

Paul reminded residents that there will be a scrap drive during daylight hours at the township garage from May 17-24.

The Business Recycling Route which has been active since 2006 will end May 31st. Paul will mail notices to the route customers.

Police Report:

The Police District reported that there were 495 events in April and 5,062 miles were put on vehicles.

Steve thanked the Fire Department for their assistance at the Sharon Lynn Girls Group Home.

Lt. Robert Wittensoldner has submitted his resignation, effective May 29, 2014, to join the Hartville Police Department as a full-time Sergeant. His last work day will be May 16, 2014. McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

Steve recommended hiring part-time officer John Calko as a full-time Corporal, effective May 18, 2014 at \$16.15/hr. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

(Note: on May 14, the Fiscal Officer was notified that the Corporal position should pay \$16.40/hr.)

Steve also recommended that part-time officer Troy Mackall be promoted to full-time, effective May 18, 2014 at \$13.25/hr. So moved by Beeson, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

A “Forfeited Property and Law Enforcement Trust” policy and a revision to the Lieutenant’s job description / minimum qualifications was presented by the Chief. Moved by Beeson, seconded by McCracken, to approve both documents. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

A township resident expressed concern of the conditions, problems, and safety issues associated with the Sharon Lynn Girls Home. He noted fights, runaways, lack of discipline, and numerous other problems at the home. He noted the Police and Fire Departments are being summoned to the home on a frequent basis. Neighbors are afraid to allow their younger children outside for safety concerns. He asked for assistance from the Trustees. Police Chief McDaniel and Fire Department EMT Rhodes noted many problems that have been addressed with management. Trustees suggested neighbors write letters to the township that can be passed on to the owners.

Tom Rhodes thanked the Road Department for their work in patching township roads.

Abe Bricker expressed concerns about the Metro Parks taking over Bricker Park. Bob explained that the Metro Park was not “taking over”, but would assume some maintenance work and costs for allowing them to list Bricker Park as part of the Metro Park system. Bob felt this was a way for township residents who are paying a Mill Creek Park taxes to receive something in our area.

Jack Howells expressed concern for the terrible condition of the county roads. The noted cost of material and labor costs spent patching holes versus a complete restructuring of the roads. After some discussion, Bob noted that Mahoning County Engineer Pat Ginnetti will be attending our June meeting. Jack noted that he will be back for that meeting.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd picked up the cemetery flags last month and purchased some grass retardant to be sprayed at the cemeteries.

Todd and Roger were on the roof tonight and recommended diverting water flow from the downspouts into more pipes to direct that water off the roof instead of onto the roof where other drains currently handle the volume. They are to contact contractors for this solution.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger has been watching the ditches along Diagonal Road and feels now that the frost is out of the ground/pipes, the tile system is working.

Trustee McCracken:

Bob’s met with Dennis Miller, Mill Creek Metro Parks Director, on April 24th to discuss Bricker Park. Dennis was impressed with the condition of the park and would like to include the park in the Metro Park system. More discussions will be held.

Trustees signed a proclamation designating the week of June 1-7 as National Garden Week.

Bob presented the Tire Collection agreement in the amount of \$1500. McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to sign this agreement with the Green Team. All voted YES.

Crown Castle is still working on new paperwork for the AT&T tower lease program.

Sean Logan from NOPEC natural gas aggregation will be at our June meeting to discuss his aggregation program.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Motion by McCracken, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 8:20pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer