

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**June 9, 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 May 12th 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	\$ 34,651.14
Warrants	\$ 20,696.29
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 30,855.40</u>
Total	\$ 86,202.83

All voted YES.

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

The Fiscal Officer had to adjust appropriations to cover several line items that did not have enough money budgeted. They include: Natural Gas, Life Insurance, and tax collection expenses – Payment to another Political SubDiv – which was a required change noted by the State Auditor. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to approve the changes to the appropriations as noted. All voted YES.

NOTE: Summer salt prices are \$42.00/ton, up from \$27.50/ton last fall.

## **Road Report:**

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 1039 miles put on vehicles in May, there was 1 burial, 80 tons of asphalt applied to roads, and 235 gallons of fuel were used.

Jim hired a local high school youth for summer mowing last Thursday.

## **Fire Report:**

The May report was delivered after the meeting by Tom Rhodes. The department reported that in May there were 12 fire runs and 43 EMS runs – 27 in Goshen, 7 in Butler, 5 in Knox, and 4 others.

The department provided mutual aid to North Georgetown on two structural fires.

### **Recycling:**

The scrap drive netted 3880 pounds of metal worth \$340.00  
The Business Recycling Route ended May 31st.  
Paul turned in \$41.07 from the sale of cans and metal to All Alloys.

### **Police Report:**

The Police District reported that there were 456 events in May and 5,930 miles were put on vehicles.

The Chief reminded residents to lock their cars and buildings as there have been several recent break ins.

Dylan Schaefer turned in his resignation due to accepting a fulltime job offer.

Chief McDaniel recommended hiring Ryan Miller as a part-time officer effective immediately at \$12.00/hr. So moved by Beeson, seconded by McCracken. All voted YES.

The Chief also recommended promoting Cpl. Nicholas Brent to Lieutenant, effective June 15 at \$18.45/hr. So moved by Beeson, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Sean Logan from NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council) presented information on joining a natural gas aggregate. This non-profit group could supply natural gas customers using 500 cubic feet per year. Participation would be similar to the electric aggregate approved by voters several years ago. Residents are able to opt-out or opt-in at any time with no cost from NOPEC. Sean warned that opting out of another vendor may cause a penalty, depending on that company's contract. To join any gas aggregate, voters would have to approve the issue at the November election. Election filing deadline is August 6.

### **Public Comment:**

Abe Bricker discussed Bricker Park income and expenses.

### **Trustee Beeson:**

Todd thanked Paul for work done during the Appliance & Scrap Drive in May.

He also suggested seeking grant funding through the Department of Agriculture for rural development before investing money in renovating the roof at the Administration Building. Drainage changes made by road department staff have helped remove considerable water from the roof. At this time the roof does not seem to be causing immediate problems. Todd will investigate grant funding.

### **Trustee Heineman:**

Nothing at this time.

**Trustee McCracken:**

Bob reported that the two potential buyers at Ponderosa Park have reached an agreement on the second portion that was before the courts for resolution. This second portion should transfer to a new owner this month. Bob will have more next month on this sale.

The playground equipment auction was held on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. A total of \$478.00 was realized from the auction of the equipment.

The Village of Beloit police contract expires 04/30/2015 and the Beloit SRO (School Resource Officer) contract expires 08/31/2014. It is being suggested that both contract be renewed with the same date periods. Beloit would also like a reduction in the SRO contract. A new five-year period was discussed, but Trustees felt they would prefer a three-year period. Bob will conduct further negotiations and report back in July.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipients were announced. Goshen had applied for a catch basin replacement project in Damascus, but did not qualify this year.

**Adjournment:**

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

Motion by McCracken, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 8:15pm. All voted YES.

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Robert McCracken, Chairman

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Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

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Todd Beeson, Trustee

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Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer