

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

July 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 June 9th 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 June 2014 bank statements are in balance and were reviewed by the Trustees as of month-end.

Tom read a letter from Edith Hughes, Hughes Contracting, complimenting Jim Stryffeler for his dedication to the township roads, calling him a "first class" employee.

Two deeds for East Goshen Old Cemetery were transferred and signed by Trustees

61 NE3 from Jim Earley to Greg Spencer  
61 SE2 from David Bayless to Greg Spencer

## **Road Report:**

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 1233 miles put on vehicles in June, there was 1 burial, 135 tons of asphalt applied to roads, and 302 gallons of fuel were used.

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, Diagonal Road was chipped & sealed by Hughes Contracting. In the past year \$113,000 has been spent on ditching, repairing, and chip/sealing Diagonal Road from Middletown Rd. to Duck Creek Road.

The second round of mowing ditches is complete.

## **Fire Report:**

June report: not submitted

### **Recycling:**

Paul reminded the Trustees that the tire drive will be held on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. He recommended that the Trustees and Paul establish prices for customers. This will be done after tonight's meeting.

### **Police Report:**

John Calko reported for vacationing Chief McDaniel that there were 409 events in June and 7,049 miles were put on vehicles.

John read two letters of appreciation to the police department from citizens for help provided.

### **Public Comment:**

Resident Dan Burton discussed the thefts that have occurred on his properties this summer, asking that the police continue to investigate and resolve these thefts. Cpl. Calko assured Dan that much is still being done with the help of BCI. Dan will continue to be updated as the investigation continues.

At 7:30, Trustee McCracken opened the only bid received for the 1997 IH Dump Truck, Snow Plow, and Spreader Box. The bid for \$21,150 from Brian Horst was accepted. Motion to accept by McCracken, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

### **Trustee Beeson:**

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Todd attended a public works grant workshop and attended the East Gate workshop to learn more about grants available for our building repair/roof replacement.

Todd also attended the Mahoning County Sales Tax public hearing. The sales tax will again be placed on the ballot in November by the County Commissioners.

Todd also asked for help in getting pictures ready for the Canfield Fair township display.

### **Trustee Heineman:**

Roger noted a residence on Garfield Road in the 13100 block was been assigned an incorrect address of 10111 and feels in case of a fire or police emergency, responders would not be able to find the address. The homeowner will be contacted and asked to get the address changed.

### **Trustee McCracken:**

Bob noted that there has been no transfer of the Ponderosa Park property yet this month.

Per the Prosecutor's office, Goshen needs to resign a resolution for Video Service Provider's Fee. Resolution 2014-0714a was moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to be approved and signed. All voted YES.

The nature gas opt-out aggregation resolution was approved to be put on the November ballot. Resolution 2014-0714b was moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to be approved and signed. All voted YES.

Bob noted that an area farmer's equipment has caused damage to the newly sealed Diagonal Road. Within 24 hours of the chip and seal of Diagonal, damage in the amount of \$500-\$1000 was done by equipment entering or leaving a field. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to contact the farm company to ask that they pay for the damages to the road. All voted YES. Bob will contact them and discuss payment.

Mahoning County Engineer Pat Ginnetti has been confirmed to be at our next meeting.

Bob noted that we are having problems with our phone lines/phone system. There is scratchiness on the lines, the data connection is very slow and the voice/data costs are over \$850/month. Changing to Voice-over-IP service would cost less than \$400/month and would provide a faster internet connection. The phone system/Voice Mail system would need replaced, which could be paid for from the monthly savings. With a new phone/VM system we would have more control over the extensions and line names which currently takes a DATACOM technician to program. Tom will have more information for the next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 11, 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