

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**August 11, 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 July 14th meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

## **Approve Bills:**

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

Payroll	\$ 44,184.08
Warrants	\$ 48,055.77
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 21,139.56</u>
Total	\$ 113,379.41

All voted YES.

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

AT&T confirmed that the quote given on May 14, 2014 does include both voice and data service. Tom has had problems with AT&T getting back with confirmations and returning phone calls.

The Township sold one cemetery lot at East Goshen New section and needs the Certificate of Ownership signed by the Trustees.

## **Road Report:**

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 1624 miles put on vehicles in July, there were no burials, 45 tons of asphalt applied to roads, and 326 gallons of fuel were used.

Jim noted that there are still roads needing patched – specifically Calla and some Damascus streets. Bob noted that he has had conversations with Martig Farms and they would be willing to pay for some material for Calla Road. Jim needs to get a material estimate, then he and Bob can meet with them before proceeding.

The Fiscal Officer noted that all road repair money designated in the 2014 budget has been spent, balances for all four road funds are limited, and he does not see any more money available this year if there is to be carry-over into 2015. A carry-over is needed to pay wages/bills until 2015 tax collection is distributed in mid-March of 2015.

Mr. McCracken also noted that the damage done to the newly chipped Diagonal Road was discussed with Martig Farms and they have agreed to pay \$500.00 to have the damage repaired. The Trustees will contact AT&T, Time Warner Cable, and Ohio Edison about low hanging utility lines that are preventing Martig from entering a field from Duck Creek Road.

### **Fire Report:**

June report: submitted 07/18/2014

There were 8 fire runs in June, 27 EMS runs – 14 in Goshen, 7 in Butler, 4 in Knox, 2 others.

Chief Derek Day had to work, but has submitted the fire report:

There were 12 fire runs in July, 36 EMS runs – 26 in Goshen, 4 in Butler, 4 in Knox, 2 others. The department provided mutual aid on a structure fire and had two vehicle crashes involving extrication.

### **Recycling:**

The annual tire drive will be held on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:00-3:00 and the annual electronics drive will be held that day from 9:00-noon.

Paul feels we should get an estimate to have the van brakes repaired. An estimate should be free, but any repair costs need to come back to the Trustees before any money is spent. Paul will get two estimates.

### **Police Report:**

Chief McDaniel reported there were 401 events handled by the department in July and 6,421 miles were put on vehicles.

Steve submitted Job Description / Qualification changes to three positions – Lieutenant, Corporal, and Detective Bureau. McCracken moved to approve these changes, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

Steve then requested that the department hire Kenneth McLaughlin II as a part-time officer at the rate of \$12.00/hr, effective immediately. Based on the chief's recommendation, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to hire Mr. McLaughlin as a part-time officer. All voted YES.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Patrick Ginnetti, Mahoning County Engineer, was introduced and presented his 2013 annual report. Pat noted that income to run his department comes from gasoline taxes and motor vehicle license fees, not from any real estate tax money. Income is down, expenses are up. In 2013 when he began office, he inherited a department with many old trucks and tractors and no paving equipment. The county was hit with a hard winter – equipment broke down, tens of thousands of dollars was spent on salt, and roads were damaged. His employees are still filling potholes in August with little paving being done.

He did note that 16 miles of roads have been paved at the expense of Chesapeake Energy, Halcon, and NiSource – at NO cost to the county or townships.

Pat also discussed accomplishments for 2013, as noted in his annual review report.

### **Public Comment:**

None.

**Trustee Beeson:**

Roof repair was discussed. Todd is still waiting from grant funds availability.

The pictures for the fair board display were discussed. Trustees will meet on Sunday morning, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am to work on that display. Trustees are asking to borrow any historical photographs from township residents.

Todd received a thank you from a Diagonal Road resident for resolving an emulsion leak from the newly chipped road.

**Trustee Heineman:**

Roger talked to the Garfield Road resident with the incorrect home address of 10111. This residence should be in the 13xxx range. The resident had no interest in getting the problem resolved. Bob will check with the Board of Health on how this number was assigned incorrectly. A problem could arise if a 911 call is placed. Responding personnel would normally look in Perry or Green townships for this address.

**Trustee McCracken:**

Bob will work on the Public Works Grant program – Damascus storm sewers – with the County Engineer to see if the grant request can be improved for a better chance of having it selected.

Bob has been talking to Stratton Chevrolet, Sarchiones, and Salem Chrysler looking for a good used pickup truck for the Road Department. Nothing affordable has been found.

Goshen trustees tabled the Green police contract discussion due to inaccurate figures and Beloit Village Council tabled their police/SRO contract talks. Bob suggested Goshen hold a special meeting on Monday, August 18, 2014 to discuss these issues, plus possibly the District 6 Public Works Grant.<sup>3</sup>

**Adjournment:**

A special meeting will be held on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to discuss the Green Police contract, the Beloit School Resource Officer contract, and the District 6 Public Works Grant (Damascus Storm Sewers).

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 8, 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