

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**September 8, 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 August 11th regular meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Minutes of the August 18<sup>th</sup> special 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	\$ 45,431.26
Warrants	\$ 3,389.08
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 68,614.62</u>
Total	\$ 117,434.96

All voted YES.

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

Resolution 2014-0908 – Accepting amounts of rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Mahoning County Auditor. Moved by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to approve this resolution. All voted YES.

## **Road Report:**

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 916 miles put on vehicles in August, there were 2 burials, and 183 gallons of fuel were used.

Another round of ditch mowings was completed. Trustees sent a letter to purchase no more salt this year. Last year's price was \$27.50/ton, summer pricing was \$42.00/ton, winter pricing was increased to \$146.00/ton. Goshen purchased 71 tons this summer at the \$42.00 price.

The Diagonal Road repair is done. Hughes Contracting has been paid. Martig Farms needs to be contacted regarding their donation to make this repair.

Jim also made recommendations to the Trustees on the Calla Road repair. There is no money left in the budget for more work this year. Bob and Jim will discuss options with Martig Farms.

### **Fire Report:**

Chief Derek Day reported there were 7 fire runs in August and 41 EMS runs – 19 in Goshen, 7 in Butler, 8 in Knox, 7 others.

The bill from the Village of Beloit, marked CONTRACT STATEMENT, for \$173.34 was discussed. This bill is for EMS handling of a person arrested by police and transported by Beloit Fire EMS. The Damascus Fire Department and Beloit FD have a mutual aid agreement. Goshen Township has no contract with Beloit for Fire/EMS services. This charge needs to be resolved. Derek will talk with Beloit about this bill.

Derek requested and received approval to have the road department assist in digging several dry hydrants throughout the township. The Fire Department is trying to improve its ISO rating which helps determine fire insurance premiums.

Derek, the township fire inspector, wants to start inspections of commercial buildings in the near future.

Chief Day also noted someone is dumping trash, not recyclables, at Station 1's bins and his department is picking up debris that is blown around. Derek asked for more supervisor/enforcement at that location.

Chief McDaniel had concerns with EMS services provided. A meeting will be scheduled later in the week with Bob, Steve, and Derek.

### **Recycling:**

The annual Appreciation Day/Tire Drive/Electronics Drive will be held on next Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Tires from 9:00-3:00 and electronics from 9:00-noon.

The van brakes have been repaired.

### **Police Report:**

Chief McDaniel reported there were 380 events handled by the department in August and 6,596 miles were put on vehicles.

Steve received many compliments on the Township display at the Canfield Fair from Goshen and Green residents and thanked Jim and Randy for setting up and tearing down the display.

Steve recommended hiring Brian C. Moore as a part-time officer, effective today, at \$12.00/hr. Based on the Chief's recommendation, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to hire Mr. Moore. All voted YES.

### **Public Comment:**

Abe Bricker had questions on the recycling van, roof repairs, and the Garfield Road house address problem. Trustees brought him up to speed on all three areas.

Tom Rhodes noted that the house address problem is not new, that there are numerous problems on his section of Stratton Road.

**Trustee Beeson:**

Todd reported that he had talked with ODOT. about SR 534 catch basins. Goshen can upgrade these basins, but it will require a free permit issued by ODOT. Replacement is dependent on approval of the \$86,000 Public Works grant.

Todd also attended a 45 minute telephone conference with ODOT about salt pricing. Basically, townships are being encouraged to look for and purchase salt at whatever lower prices they can find.

**Trustee Heineman:**

Roger has received a road complaint about shrubbery at the Duck Creek/Garfield intersection that is hampering visibility to the west. Roger will talk to the homeowner to see if the plantings can be trimmed back.

**Trustee McCracken:**

Bob turned in the Public Works grant for the S.R.534 / French Street / 5<sup>th</sup> Street catch basin replacement project.

Armstrong Cable was contacted about low wires on Duck Creek Road that are hampering access to a field by large farm equipment. AT&T, who handles these lines, will review the problem this week. There are two wires involved and both need raised.

Green Township Trustees will be at the Green Township administration building tomorrow night, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. to discuss the police contract. Public is invited.

At 7:45pm, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to go into executive session to discuss the police contract. All voted YES. The police chief and fiscal officer were also invited to the session.

At 8:47pm, Mr. McCracken reopened the meeting after returning from executive session where the new police contract was discussed. No action was taken.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 8:50pm. 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