

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

October 13, 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 September 8th regular 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	\$ 60,869.26
Warrants	\$ 31,126.47
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 18,319.56</u>
Total	\$ 110,315.29

All voted YES.

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

Resolution 2014-1013 2014 Revised Appropriations for all Funds. Moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to approve this resolution. All voted YES.

Trustees need to sign a Certificate of Ownership, transferring Bunker Hill New Lot 58 SW3 & SW4 from David G. Williams to his son Keven D. Williams.

We have sold two lots in Bunker Hill Cemetery, New Section, Lots 89 SW3 & SW4 to Dale and Denise Elder. Trustees need to sign the Certificate of Ownership.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 1059 miles put on vehicles in September there were no burials, and 168 gallons of fuel were used.

The Calla Road repair was discussed. Trustees approved at least two truckloads of asphalt to patch holes. Jim estimates cost to be between \$1500-\$2000. Jim is to wait until he and Bob can talk with Martig Farms about their contribution to this repair and also about the \$500.00 repair to Diagonal Road.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that there were 4 fire runs in September and 33 EMS runs – 18 in Goshen, 9 in Butler, 4 in Knox, 2 others.

The Fiscal Officer received another bill from the Village of Beloit, marked CONTRACT STATEMENT, for \$173.34. This bill was to have been resolved by Derek last month. Tom Rhodes will pursue a resolution for this charge.

Recycling:

Paul reported that the Tire Drive/Electronic Drive/Customer Appreciation Day held on Saturday, September 20th was a success with 455 tires recycled, 3,561 lbs of electronics recycled, and a good crowd at the Appreciation Day tables.

Paul turned in \$98.15 for aluminum cans, less \$54.48 for supplies, for a net deposit of \$43.67. Paul also thanked Todd and Roger for their help collecting tire money and loading the tires and for Todd supplying orange cones for traffic control.

Police Report:

Chief McDaniel reported there were 397 events handled by the department in September and 6,237 miles were put on vehicles.

One gym bag containing meth lab materials was removed from West Branch High School and processed by the drug task force.

Township police confiscated and destroyed marijuana plants with a street value of \$80,000.

The Chief reported having a meeting the Damascus Fire personnel about problems mentioned last month. The Fire Department agreed to improve the situation. To date since the meeting there have been too few calls to evaluate if the conditions have improved.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to hire Khaled Jamal Abu-Ghannam as a Reserve Officer based on the Chief's recommendation. Hiring is effective immediately at a rate of \$8.50/hr. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Tom Rhodes mentioned that heavy farm equipment is parking and loading on the berm of Stratton Road with no light, no cones, no warnings – and is concerned of possible damage to the berm and safety to motorists. He also reminded voters to “get out and vote” on election day, November 4th.

Abe Bricker questioned the cost of Calla Road road work. Trustees clarified that the mentioned costs were for repairs, not a total restructure.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd thanked Paul work organizing the Recycling Tire Drive/Electronics Drive/Appreciation Day and suggested we sent thank-you letters to the volunteers: Lori Wallace, Jessica Zepernick, and Dawn Oliver.

Todd also reported that ODOT can get road salt for \$105.25/ton, but we must commit by mid-November. No action was taken.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger has not been able to find the homeowners at Garfield / Duck Creek intersection home to talk about the high shrubbery problem. Roger will talk to previous homeowner Dave Herbert to see if he knows when the residents are home and available.

Trustee McCracken:

There will be a gas aggregation meeting on Tuesday, October 21st at 7:30pm at the Damascus Fire Department for voters of Goshen, Butler, and Knox townships to explain the proposal and to answer questions.

Trustees were given a copy of the Green Police contract to be read and reviewed. The contract will be voted upon at our November meeting.

Bob has contacted Armstrong and AT&T about low hanging wires. Armstrong has responded but to date AT&T has not.

Bob suggested a letter be sent to our State Senators about HB 375 that will negatively impact townships. Tom will draft a letter for the Trustees.

Bob and Todd attended the grant application presentation. It looks like Goshen has a good chance to receive part of the grant monies.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 8:15pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer