

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

November 10, 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 October 13th 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	\$ 45,006.71
Warrants	\$ 5,206.58
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 37,727.38</u>
Total	\$ 87,940.67

All voted YES.

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

Resolution 2014-1110 2014 Revised Appropriations for all Funds. Moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to approve this resolution. All voted YES.

Township has received a check from OTARMA, the MORE grant, in the amount of \$500.00.

Township has received a check from Bureau of Workman's Comp for \$5,748.02. This is a refund for June 2012-June 2013 premiums due to good returns on investments and low claims.

The annual OTA conference will be held in Columbus Jan. 28 thru Jan. 31, 2015.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 723 miles put on vehicles in October there were 2 burials, and 201 gallons of fuel were used.

Bob has not yet talked with Martig Farms about Calla Road repair costs. He suggested that the road repair be repaired while the weather is good and discuss reimbursement afterwards. Jim is authorized to use at least two truckloads of asphalt to patch holes up to \$2000.

Jim noted that the boiler in the gym end of the administration building was repaired, but needs replaced. Bob is getting replacement costs for our next meeting.

Berlin Township would like to buy some of our excess vinyl fencing. This was acquired by grant money, so cannot be sold to Berlin. The Trustees want to hold on to it for future projects.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that there were 10 fire runs in October and 26 EMS runs – 10 in Goshen, 12 in Butler, 3 in Knox, 1 other.

The Fire Department requested a third collection bin at the SR 534 location. Paul Manypenny will see if another bin is available from the Green Team.

Bob thanked the Fire Department for the use of their building for the NOPEC gas aggregation meeting held there on October 21st.

Recycling:

Nothing this month.

Police Report:

Chief McDaniel reported there were 519 events handled by the department in October and 7,492 miles were put on vehicles.

Steve had nothing else this month.

Public Comment:

Tom Rhodes thanked the Fiscal Officer for his management of records and funds.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd assigned one new house number on S.R. 534 and is to meet with another resident about a new house number later this month.

Bob met with the Mahoning County Building Department and they agreed to refer new house number requests to the township. Maggie Magee will also work to have Goshen assign house numbers instead of her department.

The gas aggregation issue passed on election day.

Trustee Heineman:

The shrubs at the Garfield/Duck Creek intersection have been trimmed.

Trustee McCracken:

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to approve the 3-year police contract with Green Township, for the period of 01/01/2015 thru 12/31/2017, with the option of a 2 year renewal at the end of the third year. Green will pay \$21,667 monthly and will pay \$3,250 quarterly for gasoline usage. Green fine monies will be paid back to Green on a quarterly basis.

This contract, Resolution 2014-1110a was approved by all Trustees.

The Police Department had requested bids on an AWD police pursuit vehicle from Dodge, Ford, and Chevrolet. Dodge responded with a bid for an AWD Charger (\$19,704.50),

Ford responded with an Explorer (\$18,900.96). Chevrolet will not have a AWD Tahoe available until summer 2015.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to purchase the 2015 Ford Explorer from Sarchione Ford in Randolph for \$19,000.96. All voted YES.

Bob reported that our Public Works Grant program – Damascus storm sewers – increased to 60 points and Goshen is still in the running for this grant.

The township health insurance contract needs renewed before December 1st. Bob presented three options:

- 1) 5% increase – no changes to current coverage \$4,650 annual increase
- 2) 6% reductions – deductible & out of pocket limits would increase \$5,200 annual savings
- 3) 20% increase - not considered

After discussion, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to renew with Anthem, option 2, saving 6% over the current contract. All voted YES.

Our natural gas is currently on a month-to-month plan with the rate changing monthly. ISG Energy has proposed a one-year contract with a rate of .5790 from 12/01/2014 thru 11/30/2015. Beeson moved, seconded by McCracken, to use ISG Energy for natural gas as proposed. All voted YES.

The Fiscal Officer reported we are paying AT&T \$871/mo for two voice lines, two fax lines, and a 1.5mb internet line. The current phone system has a lot of interference, making communication difficult. AT&T can reduce the phone lines charges \$506/mo and we can purchase a new phone system, convert to Voice over IP, eliminate physical phone lines, have better control over our VoiceMail and reduce the need for tech support when changing extensions. The new phone system would cost approximately \$8,200 and would be paid for in 18 months from savings from reduced AT&T charges. The old phone system cannot use the cheaper service without several costly card changes.

After discussion, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to purchase the new phone system. All voted YES.

The annual employee Christmas party was next discussed. Several locations were discussed where the party could be held. Trustees will check on availability of sites and caterers and make a decision when more is known.

Prior to the meeting being adjourned, resident Bricker expressed concern about the health care plan that was adopted earlier. He felt the increased deductible limit, the Out of Pocket maximum, and the co-pay costs may adversely affect employees more than the additional monthly cost that they would have to incur.

After considerable discussion, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to rescind the Anthem contract that was previously voted on. All voted YES.

Options will be discussed with the employees, and health care will be re-voted on at a special meeting on November 24th at 7:00pm.

Adjournment:

A special meeting will be held on November 24th at 7:00pm to further discuss health care, followed by a work session to establish the 2015 budgets.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 8:50pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer