

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**December 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 November 10th regular meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Minutes of November 23rd special 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 Beeson, to approve payment of:

Payroll	\$ 50,893.54
Warrants	\$ 12.00
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 21,062.19</u>
Total	\$ 71,967.73

All voted YES.

The November 2014 bank statements are in balance and were reviewed by the Trustees.

Resolution 2014-1208 – Revised Appropriations – changes to Road, Police, Fire, Recycling, Lighting – moved by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to approve. All voted YES.

Notice from election board that natural gas aggregation was approved by voters.

## **Road Report:**

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 1419 miles put on vehicles in November there were 3 burials, 173 gallons of fuel were used, and 12 tons of salt/grit were spread.

## **Fire Report:**

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that there were 9 fire runs in November and 27 EMS runs – 18 in Goshen, 4 in Butler, 2 in Knox, 3 other.

Derek announced that the department will no longer be first responders to Knox Township.

He also reminded residents to be sure their smoke detectors are working.

## **Recycling:**

Paul turned in \$115.15 from the sale of aluminum cans.

### **Police Report:**

Chief McDaniel reported there were 510 events handled by the department in November and 7,104 miles were put on vehicles.

Officer Dustin Bridgeman resigned effective November 11<sup>th</sup>. Todd Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to accept this resignation. All voted YES.

Officer Richard Caughman resigned effective November 28<sup>th</sup>. Todd Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to accept this resignation. All voted YES.

The Chief requested three policy changes: Uniforms, Firearms, Record Retention. Beeson moved, seconded by McCracken, to approve these changes. All voted YES.

Steve recommended the hiring of part-time officer Josh Hall effective 12/15/2014. Josh is currently also working for Smith Township. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to hire Mr. Hall. All voted YES.

Steve also reported that the all cell phones have been updated at no cost to the township, per our contract, and he would like to donate the old phones to a domestic violence center. The Trustees agreed with this donation.

### **Public Comment:**

Tom Rhodes wished township residents a happy and safe holiday season.

### **Executive Session:**

At 7:15pm, Chairman McCracken moved to go into executive session to discuss the 2015 fire contract with Damascus Fire Department and the 3-year police contract with the Village of Beloit. Seconded by Todd Beeson. All voted Yes.

At 7:40pm, Chairman McCracken reopened the meeting after returning from executive session to discuss fire and police contracts.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to approve the fire and EMS contract with the fire department for 2015. All voted Yes.

McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to submit a bid to the Village of Beloit for 3-year police protection, with an option to extend into Years 4 & 5.

The annual proposal was for \$2,460/month or \$29,520/year. All voted YES.

### **Trustee Beeson:**

Todd check with Bob Jarris to see if he could provide a good used light for the parking lot. Bob will check his inventory and get back to Todd.

A township resident wants to donate money to help a local resident. Todd asked if anyone knew of persons needing help. It was recommended that the township resident contact Keith Martig, treasurer of the Goshen-Butler Community Fund to see if he could help find someone in need.

**Trustee Heineman:**

Roger noted the Seacrist Road railroad bridge has damaged guardrail from a wreck. Jim was aware of the damage and already checked it out. Jim recommended that the County be notified and they fix it as they installed the guardrail. A police report for the wreck is available if an insurance company needs to be involved in the repair.

Roger also noted that the railroad crossing on Smith-Goshen Road south of Calla Road might need markers installed for safety purposes. Jim will check this out.

**Trustee McCracken:**

Departmental budgets were reviewed for 2015. It was noted that funds for the Road department and the cemetery are limited and need to be watched in 2015.

McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to approve the 2015 proposed budgets. All voted YES.

Bob noted that the Public Works Grant program – Damascus storm sewers – failed to get enough points to be approved.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to authorize the 2015 trustee’s chairman to prepare and submit applications to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Issue I State Capital Improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required. (Resolution 2014-1208b) All voted YES.

Bob reported the screen door on the old administration building was destroyed by high winds. The Schoolhouse Stitchers have offered to pay for one-half of the cost for a new screen door. Trustees will investigate cost of replacement.

**Adjournment:**

The 2014 Year-end meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015 at 10:00am.

The 2015 Reorganizational meeting will be held immediately following the 2014 Year-end meeting.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 8:00pm. 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