

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

January 12, 2015

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 January 3rd Year-end Meeting meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Minutes of January 3rd 2015 Reorganizational 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	\$ 61,877.48
Warrants	\$ 1,193.04
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 52,995.65</u>
Total	\$ 116,066.17

All voted YES.

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

Tom reported on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, established in 2014. There was \$11,875.30 collected from fines and distributed as follows:

\$ 3,779.00	posted to FINES
\$ 6,816.97	posted to FORFEITURES
\$ 1,279.33	posted to D.A.R.E.

There were no expenditures in 2014.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 317 miles put on vehicles in December there was 1 burial, 129 gallons of fuel were used, and 7 tons of salt/grit were spread.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that there were 5 fire runs in December and 29 EMS runs – 20 in Goshen, 7 in Butler, none in Knox, 2 other.

In 2014 there were 104 fire run and 447 EMS runs – 243 in Goshen, 110 in Butler, 52 in Knox, and 42 others.

Derek thanked Jim Stryffeler for salting S.R.62 on Saturday morning during the trailer fire. Calls to ODOT and County departments were unresponsive for help. Temperatures were near or below zero and roads were dangerous for fire equipment and normal traffic due to water from tankers spilled on the highway and driveways.

Derek also asked if the county will be repairing any county roads in 2015. He again complained about road conditions and potential damage to equipment and slower response times answering fire and EMS calls.

Recycling:

Paul met December 18th with the Green Team. In 2015 there will be a 4.36% cut in our lease agreements. Beginning in 2016, large bins will be replaced by front-end load bins to make pickup more efficient.

Paul has received a \$500 grant for an Electronics drive and \$500 for our annual appliance/steel collection drive. The appliance drive will be held on May 16th and the electronics drive will be held on September 12th. If the tire drive grant is approved, our annual tire drive will also be September 12th along with Customer Appreciation Day.

A hazardous materials drive will be held at the Canfield Fair Grounds on May 16th.

Police Report:

Chief McDaniel reported there were 707 events handled by the department in December and 7,694 miles were put on vehicles.

Steve recommended the hiring of part-time officer Daric Wise effective 01/11/2015. Daric is currently also working part-time for the City of Salem. Motion by Heineman, seconded by Beeson, to hire Mr. Wise. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Tom Rhodes thanked the Road Department for their work in keeping township roads clear of snow and ice. He also talked about the poor condition of county maintained roads.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger thanked the Road Department for their efforts on township roads and discussed lack of proper cleaning of county roads.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd also thanked Jim and Randy for keeping roads in good condition this winter. Todd also expressed concern about the county roads in our township and said this would be discussed at the trustee's annual meeting with the county engineer and road superintendent.

Trustee McCracken:

Mr. McCracken made a resolution to join NOPEC (NorthEast Ohio Public Energy Council). Seconded by Mr. Beeson. All voted YES.

Two public hearings must be held before Goshen can join. The public meetings will be held on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 11:00am and at 6:00pm.

Adjournment:

The annual Records Retention meeting will be held on Feb. 9th at 6:45pm and the annual Budget Commission meeting will be held on Feb. 9th at 6:50pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 9, 2015 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 7:35pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

Roger Heineman, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer