

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**February 9, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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	\$ 47,563.20
Warrants	\$ 6,457.26
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 19,999.32</u>
Total	\$ 74,019.78

All voted YES.

The January 2015 bank statements are in balance and were reviewed by the Trustees.

Two public hearings were held today regarding NOPEC gas aggregation, one at 11:00am and one at 6:00pm.

The annual Records Retention meeting was held today at 6:45pm and the annual Budget Commission meeting was held at 6:50pm.

DataCom installed the new phone system today. Initial reports are that the calls are much clearer on these new phones.

The method of payment of uniform allowance was discussed. It was suggested that one-third be paid in April, one-third be paid in August, and one-third be paid in December. As Chief McDaniel was at the Beloit meeting, a final plan will be decided upon at our next meeting.

## **Road Report:**

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported there were 2611 miles put on vehicles in January, there were no burials, 682 gallons of fuel were used, and 73 tons of salt/grit were spread.

Jim requested that he be given approval to purchase salt from ODOT one load at a time on an as-needed basis. He would only need to give ODOT a one day notice. Pricing at \$105.25/ton. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

## **Fire Report:**

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that there were 17 fire runs in January and 28 EMS runs – 19 in Goshen and 9 in Butler.

Derek commended West Branch Principal Matt Manley for his assistance at a school bus accident. Derek has also sent a letter about the road conditions to the County Engineer.

**Recycling:**

Paul had nothing this month.

**Police Report:**

Chief McDaniel was attending the Beloit Council meeting. Bob reported for Steve that there were 681 events handled by the department in January and 7,299 miles were put on vehicles.

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to accept Brenda Golec's request to be moved from part-time to reserve officer. All voted YES.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to accept Matthew Beck's request to be moved from full-time to part-time, as Matt has accepted a position with the Sheriff's department. All voted YES.

**Public Comment:**

Resident Abe Bricker questioned the payment of clothing allowance.

**Trustee Heineman:**

Roger attended the OTA conference in Columbus and was disappointed with the quality of the presentations. He did get information at the cemetery and road reclamation seminars.

**Trustee Beeson:**

Todd was also disappointed the the seminars this year, but liked that the sessions were increased from 45 minutes (prior years) to 75 minutes, giving more time for the presentations and the Q&A periods.

Todd thanked all of our employees for their dedication to their jobs, noting that what he heard in Columbus makes him realize other townships are not as lucky.

A U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant will be pursued to see if Goshen qualifies to revamp our current building or possible to construct new buildings.

**Trustee McCracken:**

The Green Team will hold one tire drive in the western part of the county in 2015. Berlin Township was chosen, but they declined. Milton township may be offered the drive. Bob suggested that Goshen hold the drive in conjunction with Milton with Goshen handling all the paperwork. Bob will suggest this at the county meeting tomorrow, then discuss with Milton trustees.

The Sebring/West Branch Hot Stove Baseball league has requested use of the ball field behind our building. Bob will contact them at discuss their needs and responsibilities if granted.

Armstrong Cable has announced a price increase for township residents.

A resolution to join NOPEC was approved last month, but will be voted upon again tonight to conform to the wording needed for the Ohio Revised Code:

**Resolution 2015-0209a**

authorizing Goshen Township to enter into the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) and the execution and delivery of the agreement establishing NOPEC and approving the bylaws of NOPEC, and declaring an emergency.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

**Resolution 2015-0209b**

authorizing entering into a natural gas program agreement with the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council and declaring an emergency.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

**Resolution 2015-0209c**

Natural gas agreement of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

**Resolution 2015-0209d**

Agreement establishing the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

**Resolution 2015-0209e**

approving the plan of operation and governance for the NOPEC Gas Aggregation program for the purpose of jointly establishing and implementing a gas aggregation program, and declaring an emergency.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

**Adjournment:**

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

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 7:55pm. All voted YES.

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Robert McCracken, Chairman

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Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

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Roger Heineman, Trustee

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Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer