

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

April 13, 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 March 9th 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	\$ 58,423.76
Warrants	\$ 27,917.46
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 26,430.96</u>
Total	\$ 112,772.18

All voted YES.

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

Volunteer Energy, Columbus OH, was quoting \$.499/ccf for natural gas thru 03/21/2016. However, there would be a \$430 penalty for leaving IGS early. A new IGS price of \$.491 was signed for the period Dec. 2015 thru Nov. 2016.

Road Report:

The Fiscal Officer reported for Road Foreman Stryffeler that there were 1,072 miles put on vehicles in March, there were 2 burials, 272 gallons of fuel were used, and 25 tons of salt/grit were spread.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that there were 4 fire runs in March and 35 EMS runs – 23 in Goshen, 5 in Butler, 1 in Knox, and 6 others.

The Fire Department responded to a hazmat problem at the gas station in Damascus and stood by assisting Mahoning County EMA and Hazmat Teams, the Ohio EPA, and Fire Marshall's office.

Derek reminded residents of open burning and how the department will handle complaints.

Again questioned how we can get county roads repaired in Goshen Township. Road conditions are slowing fire, police, and EMS response times and damaging equipment. Derek recommended closing sections of Garfield and Pine Lake Roads for safety issues.

Recycling:

Paul reported that he had attended a Green Team meeting. Goshen placed ninth out of 25 areas in recycling, averaging 91 pounds per person.

There will be a scrap/appliance drive at the Seacrist Road site on May 16th, with the bin available from May 16-23. There will also be a hazardous material collection at the Canfield Fair Grounds on May 16th.

The tire/electronics/customer appreciation day has been changed from Sept. 12th to Sept. 19th.

Police Report:

Chief McDaniel reported that there were 566 events handled by the department in March and 6,958 miles were put on vehicles.

Due to a mixup when the 2015 budget was developed, the Chief recommended changing the uniform allowance for Part-time Officers and Reserve Officers to be more in line with last year's allowance. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to change: Part-time to \$225 and Reserve to \$110. All voted YES.

The Chief also recommended promoting Officer Khaled Abu-Ghannam from Reserve Officer to Part-time Officer, effective April 19th at \$12.25/hr. So moved by Beeson, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Jeff Reisner discussed the condition of roads in Mahoning County, asking what steps could be taken to get the county working on road problems.

Tom Rhodes also discussed road conditions, noting response times for Fire Volunteers and damage to equipment. He will try to attend a county commissioner's meeting when his work schedule permits.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger discussed the condition of Calla Road and noted that the road culvert at Malmsberry Road / SR165 is crushed. Todd will contact Joe at O.D.O.T. to make them aware.

Roger also noted a muskrat problem at Bricker Park, noting it will cause mowing problems and presents a safety issue for those walking around the lake. Roger will contact the wildlife officer who lives in Green township to see what can be done.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd will pick up flags for the cemetery.

Todd investigated the USDA grant for fixing the building roof, but found we did not qualify due to the township median income was too high (\$51,150). A low interest loan was available, but trustees are not interested in a loan at this time. Todd will also look into Appalachian Regional Council grants, so see if we qualify.

Trustee McCracken:

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to sign Tire Drive agreement for \$1500 with the Green Team for the Sept. 19th tire drive. All voted YES.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to sign the three year police contract with the Village of Beloit for \$29,520 year. All voted YES.

Bob has left two messages with the Sebring/West Branch Hot Stove Baseball league about the ball field. They have not returned his calls.

The liquor control board sent notice of a proposed liquor license at the airport. Trustee had no interest in having a hearing. The fiscal officer will respond back to the liquor board.

Trustees discussed the CDBG grant application, deciding to resubmit for the Damascus catch basin project. Applications are due by May 15th.

The OTARMA Auto/Liability insurance renewal was approved.

State Treasurer Josh Mandel has asked if Goshen Township wants to partner in his new OhioCheckbook program, where the township would display its checkbook level spending online at no cost to the township. As our township records are already available to those attending monthly meeting, it was decided not to participate at this time.

The township asked for 200 tons of salt on the Summer Fill program. Bids are to be opened May 5th, at which time the price will be known.

Trustees discussed replacing the Dodge van used for recycling and pulling the mower trailer. Canfield has a 2006 Ford F250 pickup truck, 4WD, 51000 miles, snow plow, dump insert, towing package which we can purchase for \$4500 from Fairway Ford in Canfield. Trustees and Jim Stryffeler will look at the truck before a decision is made.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 8:05pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

Roger Heineman, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer