

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

May 11, 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 April 13th 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	\$ 52,433.61
Warrants	\$ 19,532.00
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 92,654.77</u>
Total	\$ 164,620.38

All voted YES.

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

Basement at 13991 was flooded due to sump pump failure. Jim and Randy pumped the basement. Flooded items need disposed of.

AT&T new phone line installation failed on May 4th due to poor line conditions. Fax lines were out of service from April 30 until noon on May 5th due to line problems. Removal of the POTS lines will impact security alarm service. POTS lines are required for alarms to function. Radi-O-Sound will have a new technology cell activated unit available on June 1st which will eliminate the need for POTS lines. Tom told Ron at Radi-O-Sound to order one for installation. Approximate cost is \$400. Trustees were in agreement that this will be a cheaper long-term solution than new POTS lines.

A new line was run from the DMARC to the phone room and the line again failed the 36-hour test. A new cutover date has been set for Wed. May 20th.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported that 1,501 miles put on vehicles in April, there were no burials, 264 gallons of fuel were used, and 78 tons of asphalt were spread.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that there were 20 fire runs in April and 21 EMS runs – 14 in Goshen, 3 in Butler, none in Knox, and 4 others.

Residents were reminded that there would be slower response times due to poor road conditions.

Recycling:

Paul reminded residents that 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.

Police Report:

Bob reported for Chief McDaniel that there were 471 events handled by the department in April and 7,530 miles were put on vehicles.

Daric Wise has resigned as a Part-time officer, effective May 12th. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

Per the Chief's recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to hire Elliott Wenzell as a Reserve Officer. All voted YES.

The Goshen Police District will hold an annual Safety Day here at the Administration Building on June 13th from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

After the meeting, Chief McDaniel returned from the Village of Beloit Council meeting with a signed police services contract, which runs until April 30, 2018.

Public Comment:

Tom Rhodes attended the County Commissioners meeting on May 7th to discuss poor road conditions in the township and how it affects response times for Police, Fire, and EMS and the damage to equipment, both fire department equipment and volunteer cars and trucks. The Commissioners plan to create a task force to address road repair in the county.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger contacted Tom Frank, the wildlife officer, about the muskrat problem at Bricker Park. We are allowed to trap the muskrats, but cannot sell the furs. Fred Criss and his son will be contacted to pursue this trapping.

Trustee Beeson:

On April 26th Todd picked up flags for the cemetery. Jim has already put flags on gravesites.

Regarding a grant for fixing the building roof, Todd stated that the Community Facilities grant has no funds available. Todd will pursue other options.

Todd talked to O.D.O.T. about cleanouts on S.R. 534. These will be included in our Public Works Grant program – Damascus storm sewers – which will be submitted this month.

Trustee McCracken:

Roger and Bob met with baseball coaches regarding use of our ball field. The field will only be used for practice. Jim Stryffeler has already hauled in two loads of infield mix which has been worked into the infield. Teams are using the field.

Bob has contacted Ohio Edison, Ameritech, Armstrong, and AT&T about the low hanging lines at 11332 Duck Creek Road. None of the companies want the responsibility or cost of fixing the problem. Bob will try to meet with representative of the companies at the site to discuss a solution to the problem.

Salt bids have been opened at O.D.O.T. The unofficial price is \$68.82/ton for the summer bid. Last month, the township committed to 200 tons for the summer purchase.

The Canfield pickup truck has not yet been inspected by Trustees and Jim Stryffeler. They will do this in the coming weeks.

Bob reported that he has been chosen to be on the NOPEC Board representing Mahoning County.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 7:40pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

Roger Heineman, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer