

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

June 8, 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 May 11th 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	\$ 53,190.30
Warrants	\$ 237.36
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 28,059.59</u>
Total	\$ 81,487.25

All voted YES.

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

AT&T new phone line installation was completed on May 20th, but data was incomplete. AT&T data line installation was completed on May 28th.

Trustees signed a cemetery certificate of ownership for Bunker Hill New Section Lot 110 SW4.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported that 1,063 miles put on vehicles in May, there were three burials, 278 gallons of fuel were used, and 80.35 tons of asphalt were spread.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that there were 9 fire runs in May and 38 EMS runs – 16 in Goshen, 14 in Butler, and 8 others. Derek also reported what policy they have on open burning and what residents will be told by dispatch.

Residents were reminded of the tractor pull being held this weekend at Bunker Hill Park.

Recycling:

The scrap/appliance drive held May 16-23 was very successful. Paul turned in \$81.20 from the sale of aluminum cans.

Police Report:

Bob reported for Chief McDaniel that there were 710 events handled by the department in May and 8,207 miles were put on vehicles.

The “Click-it or Ticket” campaign was held during May.

At the Chief’s recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to rehire Dylan Schaefer as a Reserve Officer. All voted YES.

The Goshen Police District Safety Day will be held June 13th from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

Public Comment:

Resident Abe Bricker asked about the condition of the furnace in the old Administration building. Bob had just learned of the problem and will see what needs to be done to be sure it works this winter.

Abe also asked if any Township Roads would be chip/sealed this year. Trustees still have to evaluate funds to see if money is available.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger noted that Fred Criss had not yet addressed the muskrat problem at Bricker Park, but now that Fred’s daughter’s graduation and party are behind him, he will address the problem.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd thanked Paul, Jim, and Randy for how nice the cemeteries looked for Memorial Day.

Trustee McCracken:

Bob also thanked Paul, Jim, and Randy for the condition of the cemeteries and upkeep on the roads.

Trustees received a request from the Damascus Garden Club asking to be able to purchase flowers for the Damascus Park. Beeson moved, seconded by McCracken, to allow the purchase, not to exceed \$125.00. All voted YES.

Bob agreed to look in to furnace repairs at the old Administration building.

Trustees discussed the purchase of a 2006 Ford 250 pickup truck from Fairway Ford (being traded by City of Canfield). The truck is a 4WD, V8, with plow, dump insert, low mileage, new tires, front-end rebuilt in 2014 – for \$4500. McCracken moved to purchase, seconded by Heineman. Bob and Roger voted YES, Beeson abstained.

It was recommended that the recycling van be scrapped upon purchase of the 2006 Ford to avoid any liability issues.

Trustees discussed the Mahoning County Career & Technical Center (MCCTC) offer to build a Fire Training Facility with Chief Day. As the Damascus Fire Department (DFD) would be committing \$5000 per year for 11 years, it was thought that the Fire Department must decide if they want to pay for this facility. The DFD will review the contract and get back with a decision to the trustees at the next meeting.

Trustees agreed to allow the use of the grader and backhoe at the Ruritan tractor pull this weekend.

The Mahoning County Engineers semi-annual meeting will be held on Monday, June 22nd from 10:00am-2:00pm. Only 1 person from each township is allowed to attend. Todd volunteered to represent Goshen Township.

Goshen has been approved for the CDBG grant for storm drainage improvement on French Street in Damascus in the amount of \$32,625. Goshen will pay \$3,625 or 10% if under.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7:00pm.

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

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

Roger Heineman, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer