

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

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

All voted YES.

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

AT&T billing issues are still pending. AT&T is not returning phone calls.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported that 1179 miles put on vehicles in June, there were no burials, 249 gallons of fuel were used, and 40 tons of asphalt were spread.

The second round of mowing is complete.

Fire Report:

Tom reported for Fire Chief Derek Day who was working that there were 12 fire runs in June and 25 EMS runs – 12 in Goshen, 8 in Butler, 1 in Knox, and 4 others.

At the present time the department is unable to financially commit to funds to support the Mahoning County Career Center. The department is in the process of upgrading personal protection equipment (PPE) and working on replacing a squad. Any questions, thoughts, or concerns should be addressed to the Chief at 330-853-4418.

Recycling:

The scrap/appliance drive held May 16-23 collected 7500 lbs netting \$336.70. Paul turned in \$39.90 from aluminum can sales.

The Green Team quit accepting plastic bags two years ago and now Paul has lost his source for recycling of these plastic bags. They now need to be placed in the trash.

Police Report:

Chief McDaniel that there were 415 events handled by the department in June and 7,293 miles were put on vehicles.

He thanked Officer Calko, Jim Stryffeller, the Trustees, and all of the Goshen police officers for the success of Safety Day, which was held June 13th.

Per the Chief's recommendation, Beeson moved, seconded by McCracken, to promote Ryan Connolly from Reserve Officer to Part-time at \$12.25/hr, effective 07/12/2015. All voted YES.

Per the Chief's recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to hire Eric Buday as a Reserve Officer, effective 07/13/2015, at \$8.25/hr. All voted YES.

Steve also announced that Lt. Nick Brent will be leaving the department on July 31 to join the Boardman PD, but will remain on part-time duty. McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

Steve also noted that four rims on the Caprice will need to be replaced due to road conditions. Cost will be \$189.00 each.

Public Comment:

Resident Bruce Farrant of Calla Road, representing a group of homeowners, reported a nuisance property, noting septic problems, fighting, and that neighbors are being intimidated by the family. He asked for additional police intervention. Chief McDaniel stated that police have been there 11 times this year, with three arrests and one juvenile referral. Steve noted that the department relies on neighbors as witnesses and that many times the fighting is over when police arrive and no one wants to press any charges.

Mr. McCracken suggested that neighbors report the home to the Mahoning County Board of Health if there are septic or garbage issues.

Trustee Heineman:

Fred Criss has yet to address the muskrat problem at Bricker Park due to family schedules. Roger will talk to Fred and will refer to another interested party if Fred cannot address the problem.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd attended the semi-annual meeting with the County Engineer a couple weeks ago. Attendees toured the buildings and equipment and the Pat Ginnetti discussed some plans for future funding.

Todd discussed the Malmsberry Road culvert replacement project with ODOT officials. ODOT expressed an interest in a joint project, noting they are trying to work closer with local governments.

Todd suggested that trustees start working on the display for the Canfield Fair, A work session for discussing what to display and what pictures need included will take place in the next couple weeks. (scheduled for Monday, July 27th 7:00pm)

Todd also thanked the Police Chief and Department and those Fire Departments that worked toward and were present at the Safety Day.

Trustee McCracken:

Bob noted that Republic Services has renegotiated the trash service pricing to be \$55.91 per unit per month - \$111.82 total - down from \$220/month in June.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to sign a 2-year contract with IGS Energy for natural gas at a cost of \$.374/ccf down from our current cost of \$.579/ccf. The contract will run from Dec. 2015 thru Nov. 2017. All voted YES.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to continue providing health care premiums to employees covered by Medicare reimbursements or health care opt-out, based on the Ohio Attorney General's opinion 2015-OAG-021. (Resolution 2015-0713) All voted YES.

A furnace company has looked at the furnace in the old Administration building and is recommending a high efficiency furnace replacement. Bob does not yet have a cost estimate.

Bob attended a Issue I project (Damascus Storm Sewers) meeting a couple weeks ago. When combined with the already approved CDGB grant already approved, Goshen has a good chance of replacing more storm sewers on State Route 534. Application deadline is August 31st.

Trustees had asked two Chevy dealers for pricing on a new 2015 Tahoe two-wheel drive car to replace our oldest Tahoe. 2016 model pricing would not be available until mid-August and the car would not be on the road until October. The oldest Tahoe (5 yrs old) could experience added maintenance costs if we wait.

Only Sarchione Chevrolet in Randolph provided a bid by meeting time. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to purchase a 2015 Tahoe from Sarchione's for \$34,535, less a trade of the 2010 Tahoe for \$10,000. All voted YES.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 8:20pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

Roger Heineman, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer