

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

August 10, 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 July 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	\$ 45,306.86
Warrants	\$ 265.98
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 35,751.66</u>
Total	\$ 81,324.50

All voted YES.

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

AT&T billing issues are still pending. I was able to talk with a manager who assured me that he would get billing issues resolved.

Recycling employee Jessica Zepernick, who has not worked this year, asked to be terminated so that she can collect her OPERS refund. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

Farmers National Bank Treasury Manager Bobbi Harding suggested some revisions to our checking account/savings that would eliminate the \$35.00 monthly ACH (Automatic Clearing House) fee and increase the interest paid on our funds. Trustees asked Tom to provide specific changes at the next meeting.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Stryffeler reported that 1,506 miles put on vehicles in July, there was one burial, 334 gallons of fuel were used, and 61 tons of asphalt were spread.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that there were 5 fire runs in July and 35 EMS runs – 16 in Goshen, 14 in Butler, and 5 others.

The department responded to 4 or 5 critical auto accidents in the last two weeks.

Recycling:

The annual Tire Drive, Electronics Drive, and Customer Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, September 19th at the road department. Cost to dispose TV's/old monitors will be a flat \$5.00 each.

Police Report:

Chief McDaniel that there were 449 events handled by the department in July and 6.998 miles were put on vehicles.

Chief McDaniel asked trustees to renew the Mahoning/Trumbull mutual aid contract. So moved by McDaniel, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

The Chief reported that Reserve Officer Eric Buday has completed his training and recommends that he be changed from Reserve Officer to Part-time. His new rate will be \$12.25/hr. So moved by Beeson, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

The Chief also recommended promoting Officer Kevin Ragan to Corporal at \$16.90/hr. This will fill a supervisory position to replace Nick Brent who left last month. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

None

Trustee Heineman:

Roger received a complaint about a deteriorating culvert on Smith-Goshen Road between S.R. 14 and Calla Road. The culvert openings are too close to the road. The homeowner will investigate acquiring culvert boxes to help with the repair costs.

Roger attended a Farm Bureau meeting last week regarding road weight limits. Sheriff Jerry Greene explained that his department will be weighing trucks and farm equipment for excess weights. The County Engineer's office was invited, but no one from that office was present. The sheriff will be fairly lenient with his enforcement. Roger felt many questions from the audience were left unanswered and there was conflict between parties as to how the rules will be interpreted.

Roger stated that the muskrat problem at Bricker Park has had no action. The primary person has not had time to work on the problem and the secondary person has moved to Kentucky. When hunting season for muskrats starts, other hunters will be contacted.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd is working on the fair display with all new pictures this year. He has asked that anyone with old historical pictures lend them for the display.

The Malmsberry Road/S.R. 165 culvert will be replaced by O.D.O.T. this Thursday. Jim Stryffeler will assist.

Trustee McCracken:

The copier lease with ComDoc will expire in September. The township has received four quotes on leasing new equipment.

Team Office	\$303/mo	63 months
ComDoc	\$260/mo	60 months
Ricoh	\$277/mo	60 months

Replacement equipment would include four (4) copiers that print, copy, scan, fax:

- one smaller unit each for Trustees and Fiscal Officer
- larger units for DeskOfficer and Booking Room that collate, staple, and hole punch

After discussion, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to lease with ComDoc. All votes YES.

The 2015 Police cruiser ordered last month is no longer available. Trustees will have to wait until 2016 pricing is available before a 2016 Tahoe can be quoted. Quotes will again have to be requested from area dealers, then voted upon.

A new 80,000 btu furnace for the old Administration building has been quoted for \$1800, including installation. The furnace company does not recommend a high-effeciency furnace for that building, due to a higher purchase cost. Trustees tabled any action until next meeting.

At 7:35, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to go into executive session to discuss the West Branch School Resource Officer (SRO) contract and a potential litigation with the Police Department. All voted YES.

At 8:03, McCracken re-opened the meeting after returning from executive session. The executive session was informational only. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken, seconded Heineman, moved to adjourn at 8:08pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

Roger Heineman, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer