

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

September 14, 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 August 10th meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Minutes of August 31st special 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:

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| Payroll | \$ 64,130.34 | |
| Warrants | \$ 1,726.61 | |
| Electronic payments | <u>\$ 22,352.31</u> | |
| Total | \$ 88,209.26 | All voted YES. |

There is one correction on the August 2015 minutes: Kevin Ragan was promoted to Corporal at \$16.90/hour, but because he will be on a one-year probation, his rate should be \$16.65/hour. The pay rate has been corrected in the computer.

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

Trustees need to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies. So moved to accept by McCracken, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES. Trustees approved Resolution 2015-0914.

Trustees need to approve revisions to the 2015 appropriations, as indicated on the revised appropriations sheet will be submitted to the county auditor. So moved to accept by McCracken, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES. Trustees approved Resolution 2015-0914b.

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.

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| Current checking paying .02% interest. | Funds available \$658,000 |
| Star Ohio paying .11% interest | Funds available \$ 43,765 |

Recommendation:

- close the Star Ohio account
- convert checking account from "Public Funds Interest Bearing" to "Commercial Analysis"
- invest \$200,000 in 2 year CDARS paying .804%
- invest \$100,000 in 1 year CDARS paying .501%
- invest \$100,000 in Money Market fund paying .08%
- always keep \$200,000 in checking to offset charges
- invest any excess checking funds into the Money Market fund

Mr. Beeson moved, seconded by Mr. McCracken, to make the changes as noted above. All voted YES.

Three lots have been sold at Bunker Hill Cemetery, New Section, Lot 121 NE1, NE2, SE3. Trustees signed the Certificate of Ownership.

Road Report:

Tom reported for Road Foreman Stryffeler that 964 miles put on vehicles in August, there were no burials, 105 gallons of fuel were used, and 10 tons of asphalt were spread.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that there were 12 fire runs in August and 29 EMS runs – 16 in Goshen, 9 in Butler, 1 in Knox, and 3 others.

There was one barn fire resulting in a total loss, but a nearby house was saved.

The department is still in need of new members. Those interested can call Chief Day at 330-853-4418.

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:

Tom reported for Chief McDaniel that there were 376 events handled by the department in August and 7,192 miles were put on vehicles.

Public Comment:

None

Trustee Heineman:

The design of the culvert on Smith-Goshen Road is still being reviewed as initial costs were high. Roger will continue conversations with the property owner.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd thanked Bob and Roger for their help in putting together the fair display and thanked Tom and Millie Mather for the pictures they provided for the historical portion of the display.

He also suggested the old rusty signs for Gottchel Tool & Die and Spike Industries be removed as they are no longer pertinent. Jim Stryffeler will be contacted to take them down.

Trustee McCracken:

Bob received a request to rent the hall every Sunday for church services from 8:00-12:00. Bob will contact the prosecutor's office to see if there are any restrictions and trustees will further discuss after Bob hears back. Other considerations are how this will impact the police department operations, rental of the hall for parties, lot snow removal, and insurance liability concerns.

Bob reported that the township has 52 points for the Issue I storm sewer project, making Goshen near the top of the list to win approval.

The discussion on hauling permits will be rescheduled when the Mahoning County Engineer's office and Sheriff's office can attend at the same time. Bob will push for a special meeting this month.

The Schoolhouse Stitchers would like to hold a fundraiser to help assist with the furnace replacement in the old administration building. Trustees agreed to let them have the fundraiser.

The problem with muskrats at Bricker Park was again discussed. Trapping season will start in November. Several trappers will be contacted.

Armstrong Cable wants trustees to renew the cable franchise agreement. This matter was tabled until the October meeting.

Bob announced that the Board of Health will hold a flu immunization on October 7th from 1:00pm-3:30pm.

Per new regulations in the Ohio Revised Code, Bob was notified that a stop sign will need to be erected at the railroad track crossing on Calla Road by O.D.O.T. Bob will question this with O.D.O.T. due to the fact that this track is not used and the crossing has been paved over.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7:00pm.

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

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

Roger Heineman, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer