

Special Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

September 23, 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.

This special meeting was called to discuss hauling permits and weight scaling of trucks and farm equipment on county roads and township roads.

Sheriff Major Bill Cappabianca and Sheriff Deputy Dave Moss and Mahoning County Engineer Pat Ginetti presented how the sheriff's office is conducting traffic stops for weighing vehicles. Major Cappabianca stressed that his department is not targeting any business or industry. The purpose of tonight's meeting was to address questions from the agricultural community.

The scaling program was re-addressed in 2013 and scaling enforcement began in Oct. 2014. To date, 185 vehicles have been stopped, 100 warnings have been issued, 85 citations have been issued, but only 3 citations have been issued to agricultural vehicles.

Engineer Ginetti started the weighing program with oil and gas trucks that were grossly overweight and not using correct routes to get to their destinations. He also noted that he receives only 50% of income from fines, with the other 50% going to the law library. The only other revenue that the Engineer's office receives is from motor vehicle license fees and gasoline taxes; he receives nothing from real estate taxes.

The Goshen trustees had numerous questions that were answered, then the public audience asked questions of the presenters.

A blanket certificate costs \$250, a county certificate costs \$250. There are presently no township certificates, as the County Engineer has no authority to issue township certificates. A \$50,000 road bond is required. Pat Ginetti will discuss with the prosecutor's office the possibility of issuing certificates that would cover both county and township roads.

The public audience consisted of approximately 30 people.

Adjournment:

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

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm..

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

Roger Heineman, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer