

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

October 12, 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 September 14th meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Minutes of September 23rd special 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	\$ 45,344.84	
Warrants	\$ 33,686.84	
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 20,460.48</u>	
Total	\$ 99,492.16	All voted YES.

The September 2015 bank statements are in balance and were reviewed by the Trustees.
Note: Interest for 1st eight months was: \$118.70 or \$14.84/mo less \$35/mo ACH fee
For Sept. (only 1 week) we received \$40.30 NO \$35/mo ACH fee

Trustees approved resolution 2015-1014 noting increases in Cemetery and Police expenses. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Jim Stryffeler reported that 738 miles put on vehicles in September, there were no burials, 356 gallons of fuel were used, 34 tons of asphalt were spread, and 186 tons of salt were delivered.

Jim noted that his office PC has crashed, is ten years old, and is still running Windows XP. Trustees discussed replacing the old PC and authorized up to \$800 for a laptop PC, cases, and necessary software. So moved by Beeson, seconded by McCracken. All voted YES.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that there were 5 fire runs in September and 31 EMS runs – 17 in Goshen, 9 in Butler, 1 in Knox, and 4 others.

The new rescue squad is now in service and drivers are being trained on its operation.

Recycling:

The annual Tire Drive, Electronics Drive, and Customer Appreciation Day was held on Saturday, September 19th at the road department. Six hundred seven (607) tires and 4416 pounds of electronics were collected..

Police Report:

Chief McDaniel reported that there were 323 events handled by the department in September and 6,936 miles were put on vehicles.

Steve noted that former Goshen officer Brian Newhard passed away in September.

Two part-time officers have resigned:

Dylan Schaefer resigned effective 09/24/2015

Kenneth McLaughlin resigned effective 10/14/2015

Mr. Beeson moved, seconded by Mr. Heineman, to accept the resignations. All voted YES.

Steve then recommended hiring Christopher Weingart as a part-time officer, effective 10/18/2015. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

Chief McDaniel and Officer John Calko attended classes in Columbus on body cameras. Steve also noted that the department recently upgraded to new cameras.

Public Comment:

Resident Abe Bricker questioned why no roads were chipped this summer.

Resident Tom Rhodes thanked the trustees for initiating the meeting with the Sheriff's office and the County Engineer regarding hauling permits and weight scaling of trucks and farm equipment on county roads and township roads.

Tom also announced that the Fire Department will hold a chicken and biscuit supper at the Damascus Friends Church on Nov. 7th from 4:30-7:00pm.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger recommended replacing the storm door on the old administration building. Jim Stryfeller will shop for one and get it replaced soon.

Trustee Beeson:

Bob purchased 7 new toilet, Jim will pick them up at Lowe's this week, and Todd will replace the old units with these new toilets.

Keith August will install the used furnace in the old administration building as a donation. The township will pay for parts and miscellaneous expenses.

Todd also thanked Paul Manypenny for his efforts in putting on the Customer Appreciation Day last month.

Trustee McCracken:

Bob checked with the County Prosecutor’s office regarding the request to use our building for church services. Concerns include liability, building rentals for others, snow removal on Sunday mornings and possible interruptions with police operations. After discussion, McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to disapprove the request. All voted YES.

The Ford pickup purchased from Fairway Ford has been cleaned up, detailed, and is ready to be put into service, replacing the 1996 Dodge van. Jim has built sides, installed a tarp on top of the sides, painted rusted areas, and installed wiring connections for the trailer.

Now that the Ford pickup truck is ready for service, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to deem the Dodge van as surplus and have it junked. All voted YES. Jim will get scrap pricing from a couple scrap dealers.

Armstrong Cable franchise agreement was again tabled until the next meeting.

Pricing on new Chevrolet Tahoes will not be available for a couple more months. Earliest delivery on a new Tahoe would not be until springtime. Bob presented pricing on a new Ford Explorer with the 3.5 V6 EcoBoost engine from two dealers.

Sarchione Ford	\$29,100 with a \$10,000 trade-in on the older Tahoe
Donnell Ford	\$29,138.50 with no interest in accepting the Tahoe as trade-in

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to purchase the 2016 Ford Explorer from Sarchione Ford. All voted YES.

Bob asked Derek Day to schedule a meeting to begin discussion on the 2016 fire contract.

Bob has been appointed to vote the NOPEC proxy votes, but wanted trustee approval. Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to authorize McCracken to vote those proxies.

McCracken – abstained Beeson – YES Heineman - YES

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to adjourn at 7:45pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

Roger Heineman, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer