

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

November 9, 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 October 12th 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:

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| Payroll | \$ 51,009.56 |
| Warrants | \$ 5,052.73 |
| Electronic payments | <u>\$ 22,505.39</u> |
| Total | \$ 78,567.68 All voted YES. |

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

Two cemetery lots at Bunker Hill New Section, Lot 79 NW1 & NW2 were sold for \$1000. Trustees signed the Certificate of Ownership for Ground Interment Rights.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Jim Stryffeler reported that 655 miles put on vehicles in October, there was one burial, and 150 gallons of fuel were used.

Jim attended a road maintenance seminar last Thursday where several new ideas for maintaining our roads were presented which could be considerably less expensive than the seal and chip program.

Three thousand gallons of liquid brine treatment were donated to apply to our grit. This test program will be applied to specific areas this winter to be able to evaluate whether it is more effective than our salt application program.

Jim has purchased a new tablet, instead of the proposed laptop, at a cost of \$400-\$450. The laptop has wi-fi capabilities that allow him to get online from the garage, while out on the roads, or while at the cemeteries of the township. The Police Department also donated a personal computer, formerly evidence, for use by the Road Department at the Administrative Building.

Cemetery maps and Damascus street maps were added to the township website this month.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that there were 9 fire runs in October and 24 EMS runs – 13 in Goshen, 6 in Butler, and 5 others.

Recycling:

Nothing this month.

Police Report:

Chief McDaniel reported that there were 436 events handled by the department in October and 7,167 miles were put on vehicles.

The department is purchasing winter tires for automobiles and implementing new cell phones. Fallsway Equipment Company will be outfitting the new Ford cruiser when it arrives.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to promote Reserve Officer Elliott Wenzell to part-time status, effective 11/15/2015 per Chief McDaniel's recommendation. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Tom Rhodes had a question about the new brine/grit application process.

Trustee Heineman:

The Sheriff's office and County Engineer's office will hold a road weight restriction meeting on November 18th at 6:00pm at the Mill Creek Metro Park across from the fairgrounds.

The culvert pipe replacement on Smith-Goshen Road was discussed. Jim will try to install new pipes and build/pour headwalls next week, pending weather conditions.

Concrete blocks on French Street stored on the right-of-way were discussed. Jim will mark the right of way line on the East side of the road and the owner of the concrete blocks will be asked to move them from the right-of-way area.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd installed 4 new toilets in the building. The remaining 3 toilets will be installed soon.

Keith August has installed the used furnace in the old administration building. Cost for materials was \$290. Labor was donated.

Jim and Randy have purchased and installed a new screen door on the old Administration building.

Trustee McCracken:

The Dodge van has been junked for \$220.

At 7:14pm McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to go into executive session to discuss the fire department contract for 2016 and personnel issues. McCracken reopened the meeting

at 7:35 after returning from executive session. McCracken then moved, seconded by Beeson, to approve the 2016 Fire contract with the Damascus Fire Department. The 2016 contract is the same as the 2015 contract, with no changes except who is signing for the Fire Department and the contract period – Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31, 2016. All voted YES.

Health Insurance renewal was discussed. Deductibles, drugs, and office visit will remain the same. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to renew plan D53RX8 through Morris Financials at a 13.66% increase over 2015 costs. All voted YES.

There is a tower proposal from Unison to lease for 30 years for \$75,000. Currently we receive \$750.00/month on the lease. Trustees had no interest in the Unison proposal.

A resident has asked about fence line rules. Bob will clarify the law and contract this resident.

A resident on Oakview Circle wants the speed limit sign removed. Current speed limit is 35mph. Removal of the sign would increase the limit to 55mph. Trustees will discuss this with the resident.

Options for a Christmas party or employee gifts was discussed. It was decided to again purchase gift cards for employees. This will be finalized at our next regular meeting.

Adjournment:

Due to a building scheduling conflict with the Ruritans Christmas party, the next regular meeting will be rescheduled for Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:00pm. There will be a budget work session at 5:00pm.

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

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

Roger Heineman, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer