

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

December 7, 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 November 9th 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	\$ 46,191.52
Warrants	\$ 409.00
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 78,990.99</u>
Total	\$ 125,591.51 All voted YES.

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

One cemetery lot at East Goshen New Section, Lot 9 SE4 was sold for \$1000. Trustees signed the Certificate of Ownership for Ground Interment Rights.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Jim Stryffeler reported that 422 miles put on vehicles in November, there were two burials, 2.5 tons of cold mix were spread, and 260 gallons of fuel were used.

Jim thanked Roger for assisting with a burial while Jim was on vacation.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that there were 11 fire runs in November and 32 EMS runs - 23 in Goshen, 8 in Butler, none in Knox, and 1 other.

Recycling:

Paul turned in \$40.00 from the sale of aluminum cans.

Paul will be accepting wrapping paper, Christmas cards, and will recycle live Christmas trees again this year.

The Green Team is budgeting for 2016 funds for various drives. Paul has requested:

\$500 Scrap Drive \$500 Electronics Drive \$1500 Tire Drive

Police Report:

Chief McDaniel reported that there were 477 events handled by the department in November and 6,993 miles were put on vehicles.

Steve cautioned everyone to be on the lookout for deer as there have been a lot of car/deer accidents this month.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to accept the resignation of Reserve Officer Brenda Golec, effective 11/17/2015. All voted YES.

Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to accept the resignation of Part-time Officer Doug Osberg, effective 11/19/2015. All voted YES.

Per the chief's recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to hire David Miller as a Reserve Officer. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Abe Bricker stated that trapping season for muskrats at the park begins this week.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger thanked Jim for the good work installing the culvert on Smith-Goshen Road.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd gave John Sinkovich permission to trap muskrats at Bricker Park.

Trustee McCracken:

Bob will contact Julian Electric about the parking lot lights.

The Green Team will ask for bids on picking up roll-offs and is changing to front-load bins.

Trustees reviewed the 2016 departmental budgets. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to approve the budgets as presented. All voted YES.

Employee Christmas gifts were discussed. It was decided to again purchase gift cards in the amount of \$35.00 for each employee. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES. The Fiscal Officer will purchase the cards.

Adjournment:

The 2015 Year-end meeting and the 2016 reorganizational meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:00pm. There will be no meeting on January 11th, unless something comes up that needs attention.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to adjourn at 7:35pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Todd Beeson, Vice Chairman

Roger Heineman, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer