

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

February 8, 2016

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 January 4th 2015 Year-end meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Minutes of January 4th 2016 Reorganizational meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Minutes of January 24th 2016 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	\$ 46,665.07
Warrants	\$ 4,375.43
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 42,636.11</u>
Total	\$ 93,676.61

All voted YES.

The January 2016 bank statements are in balance and were reviewed by the Trustees.

Road Report:

Randy Smith reported there were 1,005 miles put on vehicles in January, there were no burials, 285 gallons of fuel were used, and 75 tons of salt/grit were spread.

Jim Stryffeler has turned in his resignation. Jim has taken a position with the Columbiana County Engineers Department.

Fire Report:

No December report was given at our January meeting. Tom Rhodes tonight reported there were 9 fire runs in December and 33 EMS runs – 25 in Goshen, 7 in Butler, 1 other.

For the year 2015 there were 121 fire runs and 375 EMS runs – 216 in Goshen , 108 in Butler, 5 in Knox, and 46 others. The department had 1016 hours of training.

Mr. Rhodes also reported that there were 10 fire runs in January and 20 EMS runs and that Tom Mather has retired after 45 years as a firefighter/EMT.

Recycling:

Paul reported that in 2015 the department recycled 630 pounds of Christmas trees, 860 pounds of oil, and 50 pounds of shredded paper.

There will be a scrap drive held the week of May 14-21 at the Seacrist Road location and Paul is scheduling our annual Tire Drive/Electronics Drive/Customer Appreciation Day for September (date to be announced).

Police Report:

In January, police handled 730 events and put 7,432 miles on vehicles. The new Ford Explorer has arrived and has been placed in service.

On the Chief's recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to hire Rendin Fellows as a part-time officer. All voted YES.

Also, on the Chief's recommendation, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to hire Zachary Sanford as a Reserve Officer. All voted YES.

Steve had two candidates for the Sergeants position. After discussion, per the Chief's recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to promote Officer John Calko to Sergeant/Assistant Chief, effective Feb. 7th at \$18.40/hr. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Tom Rhodes thanked Jim Stryffeler for the excellent job he did while employed at Goshen and thanked Paul Manypenny for his recycling leadership and cemetery mowing.

Abe Bricker had questions for the Chief about a prior case that had been investigated.

Executive Session:

At 7:55pm McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to go into executive session to discuss road department personnel issues. All voted YES.

McCracken reopened the regular meeting of February 8th at 9:30pm after returning from executive session to discuss road department personnel issues.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to hire Randy Smith as interim road foreman at \$14.50/hr. All voted YES. Randy will be paid for 2 hours each meeting night he attends and will have a 30-day, 60-day, and 90-day review to discuss job problems/progress.

McCracken also moved, seconded by Heineman, to advertise for a part-time road employee and a front desk secretary to fill in for vacations, sick days, and holidays as needed. All voted YES.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd attended the OTA conference in Columbus in January and thought the classes were better this year than last year. One conference recommendation was to keep your cemetery regulations updated, which we do.

Loan rates through the USDA have recently dropped to 2 7/8% in case we need to borrow for roof repairs.

Todd also expressed appreciation for Jim's work done for the township for the past eight years.

Trustee Heineman:

Nothing this month.

Trustee McCracken:

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to hire John Kampfer as a seasonal road employee retroactive to Jan. 25th at \$10.00/hr. All voted YES.

McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to accept Jim Stryffeler's resignation, effective February 5, 2016. All voted YES.

The West Branch-Sebring Hot Stove League has asked to use the baseball field behind the administration building. They will provide materials to prepare and maintain the field. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

Armstrong Cable has announced a price increase effective March 2016. Customers should receive a new price list from Armstrong soon.

The Mahoning County Building Department is working on new regulations that the trustees want to review before they are finalized.

Bob also attended the OTA Winter Conference. Bob found a company – Auction, Inc. - that will sell surplus equipment for us. Goshen only has to provide a picture of the item(s) for sale. Auction, Inc. advertises, handles shipping, and takes 20% of the sale price as their payment for handling the sales. Trustees will get a list of items to sell along with pictures.

Bob also talked with a company that does 6" deep road reclamation and will do core samples of roads at no cost. Bob has scheduled an on-site visit for March.

Todd will get more pricing on roof repair/replacement.

A replacement used DARE car is available in the Cleveland area. More information will be acquired for another meeting.

The annual county meeting will be Friday, February 26th from 9:30-1:00 at the vocational school. ODOT has announced that SR 534 will be closed for 7 days for culvert replacement between Middletown Road and Western Reserve Road this summer – dates to be announced.

Trustees also granted Paul Manypenny a \$.25 rate adjustment effective Feb. 8th.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 9:50pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer