

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**March 14, 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 February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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	\$ 61,498.13
Warrants	\$ 1,819.84
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 40,950.47</u>
Total	\$ 104,268.44

All voted YES.

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

## **Road Report:**

Randy Smith reported there were 1,251 miles put on vehicles in February, there was one burial, 265 gallons of fuel were used, 20 tons of salt/grit were spread, and 8 tons of gravel was applied on Smith-Goshen Rd.

In addition to snow removal, Randy has been cleaning catch basins, working on equipment, trimming trees, and sweeping intersections. John Kampfer is doing a fine job plowing snow.

## **Fire Report:**

Fire Chief Derek Day was working tonight, but turned in the February 2016 fire report. There were 4 fire runs and 29 EMS runs.

## **Recycling:**

Nothing this month.

**Police Report:**

In February, police handled 560 events and put 7,566 miles on vehicles.

The department is ready to turn in confiscated firearms seized over the years. Vance Outdoor, Inc. in Columbus will trade them for a store credit of \$2,275.00 which can be used to purchase guns, tasers, ammo, etc. Per the Chief's request and a court order, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to trade these firearms for store credit. All voted YES.

**Public Comment:**

Abe Bricker reported there are two trees down at Bricker Park that need cut up and some muskrats have been removed. Randy reported there are still several muskrats to be seen. Abe also asked about the road grader that has not been used much in the last few years.

**Trustee Beeson:**

After attending the annual County Engineer's meeting, Todd noted that no county roads in Goshen Twp. are scheduled to be paved this year, although 1 mile had been promised. Again, most repairs are in Boardman, Poland, Austintown areas. Some portions of Courtney Road in Smith Township are scheduled. A section of Middletown Road between State Route 534 and Seacrist Rd. may be chip and sealed if funding can be found. Nothing was mentioned of the proposed road tax to be put on the ballot.

Todd reminded residents that winter items need to be removed from cemetery tombstones by March 15<sup>th</sup> each year and that items left will be disposed of.

Todd has not been able to get contractors onto the roof to get bids. He will try to have bids by the next meeting. Todd was given information on a grant that might be available which he will investigate.

Trustees granted permission to have Todd contact the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry regarding the removal of marketable timber at Bricker Park that is being damaged by emerald ash borers.

**Trustee Heineman:**

Roger inspected a culvert on Smith-Goshen Rd. that is partially clogged and will discuss the condition with the land owner to get proper drainage away from the clogged end.

Roger also commented on the annual County Engineer's meeting, noting little was accomplished.

**Trustee McCracken:**

Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to get the prosecutor's opinion on resurfacing Duck Creek Road from Pine Lake to State Route 165. All voted YES. Due to the fact that two of the three trustees live on that section of road, they cannot vote to have the road resurfaced. At the OTA conference, Trustees were advised that maintenance of roadways on which two trustees reside is restricted. The road can be maintained if the prosecutor approves it.

Bob toured several township roads with a contractor and found only roadways in Forest Oaks and Danbury are up to standard to be micro-surfaced by that contractor. Pricing was \$30,000 to \$40,000 for microsurface and another \$15,000 for for chip & seal per mile.

Hazmat funding was discussed. The Mahoning County Commissioners are asking for a ten cent per capita from all Mahoning townships to support the hazmat program. Goshen's cost would be \$324 (3243 residents). If townships do not match the commissioner's commitment, they will be responsible for 50 percent of the total cost of any incident occurring in their township. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to pay this fee. All voted YES.

Bob reported that the County solid waste district (Green Team) is looking at its contract with Republic Waste Management for trash collection. Bob has been investigating contracting with one company to collect residential waste for the entire township. This would hopefully lower the cost per residential unit and reduce the number of heavy trucks on township roads. Farms, businesses, and those with dumpsters could still contract with whomever they wish.

The trustees agreed to further explore the idea. McCracken will bring more information to the next trustee meeting.

Trustees will meet on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> to interview three road worker candidates and two part-time Desk Office candidates.

A special meeting will be held on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm to consider hiring the candidates, to renew liability insurance, and any other business at arises.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 7:50pm. All voted YES.

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Robert McCracken, Chairman

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Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

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Todd Beeson, Trustee

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Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer