

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

April 11, 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 March 14, 2016 meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES

Minutes of March 21, 2016 special meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES

Approve Bills:

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to approve payment of:

Payroll	\$ 43,573.66
Warrants	\$ 6,378.50
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 24,140.94</u>
Total	\$ 74,093.10

All voted YES.

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

Road Report:

Randy Smith reported there were 921 miles put on vehicles in March, there was one burial, 185 gallons of fuel were used, 13 tons of salt/grit were spread, and 2 tons of cold patch were applied to road.

Depressed gravesites in the cemeteries have been graded, all sweeping is done, trucks and snow plows have been cleaned up, and mowers are ready to be used.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Derek Day was working tonight, but turned in the March 2016 fire report. There were 5 fire runs and 15 EMS runs - 13 in Goshen, 1 in Butler, and 1 other.

Recycling:

Paul announced the annual Scrap Appliance / Metal Drive would be held the week of May 14 thru May 21 at the Seacrist Road site.

Police Report:

In March, police handled 596 events and put 8,420 miles on vehicles.

The department shut down one meth lab and received six new NARCAN kits for medicating drug overdoses.

Steve announced that Reserve Office Zachary Sanford has resigned effective 04/02/2016. Moved by Beeson, seconded by Heineman, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

Per the Chief's request, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to promote David Miller from Reserve Office to Part-time Officer, effective 04/17/2016. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

John Biery asked what can be done to get the county to work on County roads, specifically Middletown Road around the Bunker Hill church. Bob recommended having the church congregation sign a petition and send it to the County Engineer and to have individuals write letters to the same.

Abe Bricker asked if the prosecutor's office has yet ruled on paving Duck Creek Road. Bob replied he is hoping for an answer by next week.

Tom Rhodes also commented on County Roads and indicated that he would be willing to attend and speak at another Commissioner's meeting.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd reported that he has gotten two bids on roof repair and expecting one more.

Bids are: Eichler Construction: \$52,500 Boak & Sons: \$66,698

Eichler would install a 1" foam panel under a sealed membrane.

Bids will be reviewed next month.

Dan from the Division of Forestry is scheduled to walk Bricker Park next week to determine if there is any marketable timber.

Discussion was held on a culvert and flooding on Smith-Goshen Road near the McKarns and Spencer properties. Trustees would like to work with the landowner, sharing resources and costs. Todd will contact the landowner.

Todd will be picking up cemetery flags on April 24th in Youngstown.

Trustee Heineman:

Nothing this month.

Trustee McCracken:

McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to sign the Tire Recycling Agreement with the Green Team for \$1500. All voted YES. Our annual tire recycling drive will be held in early fall.

Resident Larry Griffith addressed trustees about vacating an alley between Fourth and Fifth Street in Damascus. Bob would like to – at the same time – vacate other alleys on Academy Lane and 2 alleys in Garfield. A request needs to go to the County Engineer, and if approved, the county commissioners need to meet on-site and vote approval for these alleys to be vacated. Bob warned that the process probably will take 6-9 months.

Discussion was held on the speed limit on Middletown Road. Although there is a “Safe Speed 45” sign near S.R. 534, the speed limit is 55mph. Due to road conditions, Bunker Hill church traffic, BH cemetery, and business and residential safety, trustees were in agreement to try to get the speed limit reduced. Bob will start the process.

Bob attended the ODOT District 4 annual meeting. ODOT presented S.R. 534/S.R. 165 culvert replacement projects: 3 on S.R. 534 near Western Reserve Rd., near Middletown Road, and one in Berlin Township. There will be 2 replacements on S.R. 165 near Duck Creek Road. In 2017, there will be bridge replacement on S.R. 534, near Pine Lake Rd.

ODOT has offered blacktop grindings, free for the hauling. Trustees approved Randy Smith to get as much of the grindings as he and Matt can haul.

Regarding the garbage collection by one vendor for the township, Bob is scheduling a meeting with the prosecutor’s office and Lou Vega of the Green Team to discuss options. Bob will report back at a future meeting.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 8:15pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer