

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

May 9, 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 April 11, 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	\$ 58,528.65
Warrants	\$ 316.21
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 79,230.10</u>
Total	\$ 138,074.96

All voted YES.

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

Road Report:

Randy Smith reported there were 1945 miles put on vehicles in April, 253 gallons of fuel were used, 2 tons of salt were spread, applied gravel to alleys in Damascus and at the police shooting range road, applied cold patch on all roads, hauled 160 tons of free grindings, cleaned ditches on Smith-Goshen Road, trimmed trees, and painted front rims on backhoe.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in April 2016 there were 9 fire runs and 17 EMS runs - 11 in Goshen, 3 in Butler, 1 in Knox, and 2 others.

Recycling:

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

There will be a Hazmat collection at the Canfield Fairgrounds on Saturday May 21st.

Police Report:

In April, police handled 484 events and put 7,823 miles on vehicles.

Steve requested the Trustees approve changes to the motorcycle pursuit policy. He also requested changes to the policy manual for job duties of the Asst. Chief/Sargent position. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

Steve noted that the department will continue to accept excess or outdated prescription pills, syringes, etc. Bring them into the office between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

Per the Chief's recommendation, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to promote Officer Eric Buday from part-time to full-time, effective May 15th. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Damascus resident Marilyn Wingett, representing the Damascus Garden Club, requested that the trustees proclaim June 5-11, 2016 as National Garden Week. Trustees agreed to sign such a proclamation.

Marilyn also asked permission to purchase flowers and mulch for the Damascus park, as has been done for many years. Trustees gave her permission to purchase the flowers and mulch at Parks Floral, and have the bill sent to the fiscal officer.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd reported that he has gotten two bids on roof repair and is still expecting one more. Bids are: Eichler Construction: \$52,500 Boak & Sons: \$66,698

Dan from the Division of Forestry walked Bricker Park and recommended removal of ash and beech trees. Dan recommended hiring a forester to manage the harvest, the contract, which trees to cut, and any cleanup requirements.

Todd picked up cemetery flags on April 24th in Youngstown.

Todd also promised to have the three remaining toilets installed by Thursday.

Trustee Heineman:

Nothing this month.

Trustee McCracken:

The Smith-Goshen Road drainage issue has not been completed yet due to wet field conditions. Bob recommended that Roger and Randy make sure this installation is done to township specs.

Bob recommended getting bids for the Chip/Seal jobs to be completed this summer. They are:

Duck Creek Road from S.R. 165 to Pine Lake Road

Seacrist Road from S.R. 165 to Pine Lake Road

Roger suggested also getting bids on Duck Creek Road from Pine Lake Road to the cul-de-sac. Roger and Randy will get the bids for the next meeting.

It is time to submit the ODOT winter fill salt contract. Randy will provide figures for both Goshen and Berlin townships.

Bob has sent a letter to Mahoning County Engineer Pat Ginnetti requesting a speed limit reduction on Middletown Road, but has heard nothing back yet.

The Calla Road speed limit through Patmos is 55MPH. Bob will also request the county to consider reducing the speed limit in that area.

Paperwork for the alley vacate project is coming. Commissioners will have to approve these vacate requests.

Bob is to meet with the State Engineer to review catch basins in Damascus.

At 7:45pm, McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to go into Executive Session to discuss compensation of a public employee.

Roll Call Vote:	McCracken	YES
	Heineman	YES
	Beeson	YES

At 8:37pm McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to return to open session. All voted YES.

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to increase Randy Smith’s wage from \$14.50 to \$15.50/hr, effective 05/01/2016. All voted YES.

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to increase Matt Springer’s wage from \$10.00 to \$11.50/hr, effective 05/01/2016. All voted YES.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 8:40pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer