

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

September 12, 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 August 8, 2016 meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 59,952.09
Warrants	\$ 23,619.87
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 21,631.22</u>
Total	\$ 105,203.18

All voted YES.

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

Resolution 2016-0912 – Accepting amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

Road Report:

Randy Smith reported that there were 1,539 miles put on vehicles in August, 131 gallons of diesel and 67 gallons of gas were used, there were no burials. Cut limbs hanging into traffic lanes, seeded several cemetery graves, stained bridge at Bricker Park, fixed water problem at Damascus Post Office, repaired culvert and wall on French Street, and set up fair boot at Canfield Fair. .

Randy noted that the front tires on the Kubota tractor need replaced. He got three estimates:

Salem Goodyear Tire	\$471.66
Springer Tire Sebring	\$448.00
Millersburg Tire	\$433.38

McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to purchase 2 new tires from Springer Tire. All voted YES.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in August 2016 there were 6 fire runs and 34 EMS runs - 25 in Goshen and 9 in Butler.

The Department is still accepting applications for firefighters and EMS personnel.

Recycling:

Paul reminded everyone that this Saturday, September 17th, the township will hold it's annual Customer Appreciation Day, Tire Drive, and Electronics Drive. The Tire Drive will be one of only three in the county this year.

Police Report:

In August, police handled 418 events and put 7,748 miles on vehicles.

The Chief reported that part-time officer Khaled Abu-Ghannam has resigned effective Sept. 26, 2016. Motion by Beeson, seconded by McCracken, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

Chief McDaniel recommended hiring three part-time officers. They are:

- Breanna Jones, Boardman
- Jacob Koehler, East Palestine
- William Aaron, Jr., Boardman

So moved by Beeson, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

The Chief noted that some cell phones are not working properly. He can get iPhones for the full-time officers that will allow for group texting, group e-mails, and GPS functionality for only \$38.50 more per month. The money is already in the budget. He was told to proceed with these changes.

Steve also asked permission to change the police policy for use of 9mm handguns. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Chris Schenk asked permission to use a non-used alley for a driveway to a home which he intends to build on Floral Drive in Damascus. Chris would be responsible for construction and maintenance of the driveway. After reviewing the area map, McCracken agreed to contact the prosecutor's office for wording for a agreement to allow this request. Chris was told to check back at the next meeting.

Resident Tom Rhodes noted that County Commissioner David Ditzler could not attend tonite's meeting as he was attending another meeting in the county. Tom also questioned the status of the Girl's Group Home, noting there has been a significant reduction in EMS calls in the past months.

Resident Abe Bricker thanked the road crew for the work done on Duck Creek Road, asked about status of the administration building roof repair, and noted the second bridge at the park also needs stained.

Trustee Beeson:

Municipal Sign in Columbiana can provide blanks for house number plates. The Damascus Ruritan wants to continue the house number project. Costs will be greater for the blanks. Cost will be \$20.00 for two house numbers and \$15.00 if only one house number is ordered.

Todd noted that Melvin Kaufman's bid to harvest timber at Bricker Park is \$8,200 using horse drawn equipment. There are others who would pay more, but they would be using motorized heavy equipment that would damage the trails. Trustees agreed that repairs for damaged trails would not be cost effective. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to contract with Mr. Kaufman. All voted YES.

Todd reported on the roof repair project: Duro-Last has inspected the roof installation and is happy with the work done by the contractor. The project is considered complete.

Todd took pictures for the fair display. He and Roger completed the display board.

The headwall on French Street has been repaired by the road department.

The administration parking lot will be resurfaced by the end of next week, weather permitting. There will be two coats of chip & seal applied to the front and east parking areas.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger thanked Randy and Matt for the excellent headwall repair on French Street.

Trustee McCracken:

A new 2016 Ford Taurus cruiser has been ordered last week to take advantage of a large discount that was about to expire. Quotes were received from:

Statewide Chevrolet	\$26,270
Sarchione Ford	\$21,800
Donnell Ford	\$22,159

The Taurus was ordered from Sarchione Ford.

The catch basin project in Damascus hit a stand-still when neither the county nor the state wanted to do the other one's part of the project. Bob talked with Thomas Powell at the Akron ODOT Engineer's office. ODOT will be doing projects on SR 534 next year. Mr. Powell agreed to include the catch basin project as part of that work, but Goshen Twp. will have to pay engineering costs of up to \$6,000 for the CDBG grant. Goshen would have had to pay \$16,000 as matching funds for the Issue I catch basin project. Those funds will not be needed.

The project includes replacement of catch basins along S.R. 534 and streets in Damascus in Mahoning County (north of S.R. 62).

Motion by Beeson, seconded by Heineman, to pay for the engineering package up to \$6,000. All voted YES.

Bob is looking into adding two street lights from Damascus to the school. Lights are normally placed on every other pole, but the second light will be next to an existing light. It was agreed that this will improve lighting at the school drive/parking area and the Danbury Drive intersection. Trustees agreed. Bob to follow up with Ohio Edison.

The township health insurance expires at the end of the month. A new contract with Anthem would be for Oct. 2016 thru Dec. 2017 with a cost increase of 2.3%. McCracken moved to renew the Anthem Blue Cross health insurance contract through the Morris Agency, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

The 2016-2017 school resource officer contract with West Branch Local has been signed by the school board. This is a one-year contract (Sept. 2016 thru August 2017), the same as last year, for \$5,000 to be paid quarterly. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to sign the renewal. All voted YES.

Bob discussed the abandoned house at 13810 S.R. 534, across from the mill driveway entrance. The Mahoning Board of Health hearing on this property is scheduled for September 26th. Mr. McCracken will attend this meeting for the township.

At 8:07pm Mr. McCracken moved, seconded by Mr. Beeson, to go into Executive session to discuss road department evaluations and compensation. All voted YES.

At 8:38 Mr. McCracken reopened the meeting after the Executive session to discuss road department evaluations and compensation.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to pay road foreman Randy Smith \$16.50/hr and to pay part-time road employee Matt Springer \$13.50/hr, both effective 09/18/2016. All voted YES.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 7:00pm.

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

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer