

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

October 10, 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 September 12, 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	\$ 37,321.92
Warrants	\$ 89,804.33
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 75,450.72</u>
Total	\$ 202,576.97

All voted YES.

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

The \$100,000 12-month CDARS with Farmer's National Bank has been renewed effective Sept. 22nd. Interest earned for 12 months was \$499.63 (at .49975%). The new 12-month CDARS will earn .552% and was opened for \$100,499.63.

Road Report:

Roger reported for Randy Smith that 1228 miles put on vehicles in September, 231 gallons of diesel and 74 gallons of gas were used, there were no burials. Sixty-two tons of hot mix was used on Malmsberry Rd., 100 tons of grinding was applied to Duck Creek Road (both sides of bypass), footers were poured at both cemeteries, and front tires on the Kubota tractor have been replaced.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in September 2016 there were 9 fire runs and 21 EMS runs - 9 in Goshen, 10 in Butler, and 2 others.

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

Recycling:

The annual tire recycling event took in 186 tires and the electronics drive took in 5500 lbs of electronics. The Customer Appreciation Day was well attended.

Paul turned in \$54.80 from aluminum cans, less \$50.55 in expenses for Appreciation Day.

Police Report:

In September, police handled 596 events and put 7,997 miles on vehicles.

The department has received the first reading of the new policy manual.

Steve introduced two new prospective officers:

Matthew Elser from East Palestine.

Erinn Vranches from Canfield.

Per the Chief's recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to hire Matthew Elser as a part-time officer, effective 10/16/2016. All voted YES.

Per the Chief's recommendation, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to hire Erinn Vranches as a Reserve Officer, effective 10/16/2016. All voted YES.

The new patrol car is nearly complete with decals and equipment and should be here any day.

Public Comment:

Chris and Nancy Schenk asked about their driveway request in Damascus. Bob had met with the county engineer who sees no problem with the request. A contract will need drawn up, but Bob hasn't received feedback from the County Prosecutor's office at this time. Bob will try to have a contract ready for the next meeting.

Tom Rhodes commented that he heard several good comments about the Tire Drive/Electronics Drive/Customer Appreciation Day – how well organized and how clean the area was.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd thanked Paul for his efforts on Customer Appreciation Day.

Todd presented the Bricker Park timber harvest contract which the trustees signed. CountrySide Lumber LLC sent half of the contract amount - \$3690. The second half will be paid upon completion of the harvest.

Trustee Heineman:

Nothing this month.

Trustee McCracken:

Now that the roof has been repaired, Bob recommended that all damaged ceiling panels be replaced. He will take a count of panels needed and get them purchased.

The owner of the abandoned house in Garfield did not attend the hearing with the County Board of Health. This property will be discussed at the next Board meeting, scheduled for next week.

Billing issues from Damascus Fire EMS were discussed. Tom Rhodes noted that if a private ambulance service is used and the patient's insurance company pays only part of the bill, the customer is responsible for the balance – not the Fire Department.

Bob noted that the current furnaces in the basement are beyond repair and must be replaced. Only one local heating company will even try to fix problems. Bob recommended having Coffee Heating replace the furnaces as soon as possible. Cost will be approximately \$10,814 – to be paid by the police department. Cost will be spread out over three years.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to replace the furnaces plus add an optional air conditioning coil unit (\$1150) so that air conditioning could be added in the future if so desired. All voted YES.

Bob noted that the 2014-2015 audit of financial records has been completed. There were no findings for recovery and only a few areas where income or expenses were charged to the wrong line item within the fund level. These are minor errors that cause no changes to the overall fund balance.

Adjournment:

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

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to adjourn at 7:55pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer