

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

December 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 November 14, 2016 meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 42,918.64
Warrants	\$ 5,836.45
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 31,852.27</u>
Total	\$ 80,607.36

All voted YES.

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

The Trustees and Fiscal Officer met in a work session on December 5th to review the 2017 Budget. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to approve the 2017 appropriations as adopted in Resolution 2016-1212. All voted YES.

A copy of this resolution will be submitted to the Mahoning County Auditor.

Road Report:

Randy Smith reported that 849 miles put on vehicles in November, 310 gallons of diesel and 52 gallons of gas were used, and there were no burials.

Twenty tons of blacktop was used on Calla Rd., 10 tons of blacktop was used on Seacrist Rd., roads and banks were mowed one last time, cut limbs from roadway on north Seacrist Rd., fixed holes in Bricker Park driveway, hauled free top soil to fire station, purchased and installed road sign at First St & Pleasant Drive, and did maintenance on equipment.

Randy asked to purchase 2 garage door openers and knobby front tires for the Dodge that would allow better turning when plowing. Trustees suggested he also purchase rims for these tires. Randy is to get pricing on these items.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in November 2016 there were 7 fire runs and 14 EMS runs - 12 in Goshen and 2 in Butler.

The Fire Department presented the 2017 Fire contract, signed by Fire Dept. trustees/officers. The contract is the same as the 2016 contract, except the amount is \$123,325, down \$415.20. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to renew. All voted YES.

Recycling:

Paul announced that the Dept. of Natural Resources and Green Team are again collecting Christmas trees (remove ornaments) and wrapping paper (no ribbons or foil) until January 30th.

Paul also asked for a warning bell to alert him to traffic when he is inside his office. Paul will get pricing.

Police Report:

In November, police handled 566 events and put 6,838 miles on vehicles.

Steve introduced Curt Hetherington as a candidate for reserve officer. Upon the Chief's recommendation, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to hire Curt as a Reserve Officer, effective 12/12/2016. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Tom Rhodes thanked the public and trustees for their continued support of the Fire Dept.

Trustee Beeson:

Thanked all employees for their service to the township in 2016.

Trustee Heineman:

Also thanked all employees for their service in 2016.

Trustee McCracken:

Bob reported that the ceiling panels were backordered, but are in and will be picked up Tuesday.

Bob will check with the health department at their Tuesday meeting to see if any funds are available to demolish the abandoned house at 13810 S.R. 534 in Garfield.

Ohio Edison will be adding two street lights in Damascus on Thursday, December 15th, weather permitting.

Adjournment:

The 2016 year-end meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 9:00am with the 2017 Reorganizational meeting to immediately follow.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to adjourn at 7:35pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer