

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

Feb. 13, 2017

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 2016 Year-end meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Minutes of the 2017 Reorganizational meeting of Jan. 7, 2017 were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 61,713.71
Warrants	\$ 20,119.47
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 27,551.95</u>
Total	\$ 109,385.13

All voted YES.

The January 2017 bank statements are in balance and were reviewed by the Trustees.

The Fiscal Officer presented a revised 2017 Appropriations budget (Resolution 2017-0213a).

The General Fund (1000) was reduced \$9.00,

Lighting Assessment (2401) was increased \$50.00,

General Fund Grant Matching (2906) was reduced \$500.

These changes are necessary to match the County Auditor Certificate of Total Appropriations by Fund. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to approve these changes.

All voted YES.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to authorize the Fiscal Officer to request advances as needed from the Mahoning County Auditor (Resolution 2017-0213b). All voted YES.

Motion by Beeson, seconded by Heineman, to authorize the Chairman to sign for the purchase of automobiles or trucks for the township. (Resolution 2017-0213c)

Beeson	YES
Heineman	YES
McCracken	Abstained

The Fiscal Officer asked the Trustees if credit cards should be restricted to not allow cash withdrawals. This was recommended at the annual OTA conference in Columbus. The issuing bank can restrict cash withdrawals if the township so wishes. Trustees thought this was a good idea. A resolution will be presented at the March meeting.

Two cemetery lots have been sold at Bunker Hill – New Section – Lots 72 SE3 & SE4. Trustees signed the Certificate of Ownership for Ground Interment Rights.

Tom also suggested the township have a NSF Policy, as recommended at the OTA convention. Bob will check with the Prosecutor's Office to see if an administrative charge can be added and the policy will be discussed at the March meeting.

Road Report:

Randy Smith reported there were 1652 miles put on vehicles in January, 247 gallons of diesel and 51 gallons of gasoline were used, 50 tons of salt/grit were spread, 1.5 tons of patch were applied to roads to fill pot holes, Smith-Goshen Road (dirt part) was worked on, there were no burials.

Randy also asked again to purchase garage door openers. Another quote will be requested from Biery Garage Door. Purchase was tabled until the next meeting.

Trustees also approved the purchase of road grindings from the City of Salem at \$10.00/ton. Randy will pursue this, making sure there is money in the budget for the number of tons he purchases.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in January 2017 there were 10 fire runs and 19 EMS runs - 13 in Goshen, 4 in Butler, 2 others.

The department had a hazmat incident and would like to thank the East Liverpool FD and Mahoning County hazmat for their cooperation.

Recycling:

Paul asked if anything had been heard on the request for an Electronics drive, a Scrap drive, and a Tire drive. Bob was to attend a meeting the next day and would try to get an answer.

Police Report:

In January, police handled 473 events and put 7,008 miles on vehicles. For calendar year 2016, police handled a total of 7,454 events.

Chief McDaniel noted that he had a resignation from Elliott Wenzell, effective 02/02/2017. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

Steve also noted that Curtis Hethington resigned, effective 12/31/2016. Curtis had been hired 12/12/2016, but never came to his swearing-in appointment. Moved by Beeson, seconded by Heineman, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

Steve also introduced Ryan Young and Ryan McBride for part-time officer positions. Motion by Beeson, seconded by Heineman to hire Ryan Young. All voted YES. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to hire Ryan McBride. All voted YES Both are hired effective 02/13/2017 as Part-time officers.

Steve also told the Trustees that the department will be using Salem Computer Center to do quarterly maintenance on all PC's at a cost of \$699/year. This is already in his 2017 budget, so no action was required.

Public Comment:

Mariam Good and several of the Schoolhouse Stitchers presented 8 blankets each to the police and fire departments for any victims that need laid on the ground or need warmed up. More are available for the asking.

They also want to rent the hall or gym in April or May for a rummage sale/bake sale as a fund raiser. Trustees agreed to donate the space. A day for the sale will be set later.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd was welcomed back for the first time since his accident on December 14th.

Todd noted that Armstrong Cable will be increasing their rates effective March 1st.

Trustee Heineman:

Nothing this month.

Trustee McCracken:

The Damascus Garden Club is requesting to put a veteran's marker at the Damascus Park. The request was tabled until the park can be looked at and a suitable site be identified. Problems with trees will also be looked at by Randy and Bob.

The abandoned house at 13810 SR 534 was discussed. Bob will check with the Board of Health tomorrow and report back at the next meeting.

The Mahoning/Trumbull County Law Enforcement Mutual Aid agreement was renewed. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES. Agreement papers were signed.

The Sebring-West Branch Hot Stove league would like to use the ball field behind the Administrative Building again this year. The request was tabled until Randy and Matt can check out the condition of the dugouts. If they are too bad, they may need to be removed.

Trustees signed the Mahoning County Engineers Mileage Certificate (19.525 miles) and reported on the annual Engineer's meeting held last week. Pat Ginnetti was again made aware of the condition of several county road in Goshen Township.

Goshen Township will be hosting the quarterly Mahoning County Township Association spring dinner at "The Barn" on March 16th.

At 8:00pm, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to go into Executive Session to discuss road department personnel.

Roll Call Vote:	McCracken	YES
	Heineman	YES
	Beeson	YES

At 8:47pm McCracken reopened the regular meeting after returning from executive session where road department personnel were discussed.

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to hire Matt Springer as a full-time employee, effective March 5th, with a 90 day probation before he gets health care. All voted YES.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 8:50pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer