

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

Mar. 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 Feb. 13, 2017 Trustee 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	\$ 48,142.81
Warrants	\$ 6,483.32
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 28,074.68</u>
Total	\$ 82,700.81

All voted YES.

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

At the OTA conference it was recommended that townships adopt a credit card resolution restricting cash withdrawals from credit cards and that cards only be used for purchasing needed supplies. Therefore, motion by Beeson, seconded by Heineman, to notify our bank (Farmer's National Bank) to restrict all credit cards from allowing cash withdrawals. All voted YES. (Resolution 2017-0313a)

Also at the OTA conference it was recommended that townships adopt a Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) policy. Therefore, motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to adopt a policy

“when checks written to the Township are returned NSF, the township is allowed to collect the amount of the check, plus an additional \$10.00 administration fee, plus the bank's NSF fee, if any.”

All voted YES.

Road Report:

Randy Smith reported there were 1084 miles put on vehicles in February, 183 gallons of diesel and 55 gallons of gasoline were used, 18 tons of salt/grit were spread, 6 tons of grindings were applied to Duck Creek Road, 200 tons of grindings were hauled from Salem, and there were no burials.

They finished trimming pine tree limbs on Seacrist Road, did light maintenance on equipment, are building a blacktop leveling blade, and have cleaned some catch basins.

Randy reported that the baseball field dugouts are in poor condition and it will take approximately \$300 each to repair them. After discussion and due to the fact that the field is only used for practice, it was decided that the dugouts should be removed and a bench on either side repaired.

Randy will also get pricing to replace the sweeper/broom for the tractor and present quotes at the next meeting before purchasing any replacement.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in February 2017 there were 13 fire runs and 16 EMS runs - 11 in Goshen, 4 in Butler, and 1 other.

He reminded that most of our county roads are in very poor condition. There was another fuel spill, making 2 large spills this year. Thanks to the Mahoning County Hazmat Team for their assistance, along with the Ohio EPA.

The department has an older ambulance out of service and for sale. Green Township recently had to take their ambulance out of service due to frame problems, so Damascus lent Green Twp. this older ambulance until they get a new ambulance. Green is paying insurance, equipping the unit, and is responsible for any repairs needed.

Recycling:

Money for an Electronics drive, a Scrap drive, and a Tire drive has been approved.

Police Report:

In February, police handled 416 events and put 6,266 miles on vehicles.

Per the Chief's recommendation, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to hire Chad Redfren as a part-time officer, effective 03/19/2017. All voted YES. Chad is a Berlin Center resident, working for other departments on a part-time basis, and is familiar with our roads and area.

Steve reported that Car #6, the 2017 Ford Taurus, is now in service.

Public Comment:

Tom Rhodes discussed the Sunday Vindicator article about Goshen's being cited for failure to fulfill public records training requirements. The Fiscal Officer explained that the Trustees and Fiscal Officer all had completion certificates from the State Auditor and that everyone had completed that requirement for the period in question. It is not known where the reporter (Pete Milliken) got his information. Tom Knoedler had left two message for Pete, with no callback to date. Tom K. will also contact the State Auditor's office in Youngstown for more details.

Abe Bricker thanked the Road Department for painting/staining done last year on the bridges at Bricker Park and recommended establishing a fund for donations for park upkeep.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd noted there will be a no cost safety compliance seminar at Mr. Anthony's on April 25th and recommended that both Randy and Matt attend. Trustees agreed both should attend.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger noted that there is a broken cover over a cleanout at Duck Creek and Garfield Roads. Randy was instructed to investigate and get the cover repaired.

Trustee McCracken:

The Damascus Garden Club's request to put a veteran's marker at the Damascus Park was again tabled as no one from the Club was at the meeting to discuss.

The abandoned house at 13810 SR 534 was discussed. Bob had a meeting with the Auditor, Treasurer, and Prosecutor's office. The land could be deeded to the township at no cost, but the township would then be totally responsible for repairs or demolition. The time frame would be as fast as the township could make repairs or removal. If the building goes through the Land Bank procedure, it will take two or more years at a minimum. Goshen will get pricing on demolition before any discussion is made.

Openers for the township garage doors was discussed. Quotes are:

Garage Doors & Openers	\$ 905.00
Biery Garage Doors	\$ 920.00
Progressive – North Lima	\$2226.72

Motion by Beeson, seconded by Heineman, to purchase from Biery Garage Doors, as their price is close to the lowest quote, and they are township residents.

All voted YES.

The Mahoning County Board of Health would like to hold three Wellness classes at the township building, dates to be decided. Trustees agreed to allow these classes at the building.

Bob presented an option to have our cell tower lease purchased for 10 years for a lump sum of \$75,000. We currently receive \$9000/year on this lease. Bob will look for other offers and report back next meeting.

Bob has received prices from Coffee Heating to add air conditioning to the police wing and meeting room using the newly installed furnace system. Prices are:

Good	\$7,666
Better	\$8,080
Best	\$9,083

Discussion was tabled until another meeting.

Bob noted there was some roof and gutter damage done by the very high winds of last week. When the weather improves, he will have the contractor look at the damage and get prices to repair.

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

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 8:08pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer