

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

Apr. 10, 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 March 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	\$ 47,932.78
Warrants	\$ 2,808.54
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 20,972.66</u>
Total	\$ 71,713.98

All voted YES.

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

Road Report:

Randy Smith reported there were 2,819 miles put on vehicles in March, 262 gallons of diesel and 53 gallons of gasoline were used, 37 tons of salt/grit were spread, finished the tractor blade, cut up fallen trees, applied 9 tons of mix to patch holes, and there were no burials.

Today, fixed the cleanout problem at Duck Creek / Garfield Road intersection.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in March 2017 there were 15 fire runs and 19 EMS runs - 13 in Goshen, 5 in Butler, and 1 other.

Mr. Rhodes reported that the Damascus department will no longer be responding to the Village Network Group Home (formerly Sharon Lynn Home for Girls) without a police escort due to safety concerns for the safety of the responders. Police Chief McDaniel took exception to this concept, saying that his department does not have the option to pick and choose which calls they can respond to. He stated that, when available, his department will respond, but if they are on another call (accident, B&E, domestic) they cannot promise to respond in the time needed by the responding EMT's.

Recycling:

Nothing this month.

Police Report:

In March, police handled 431 events and put 6,551 miles on vehicles.

Chief McDaniel reminded residents that there is a Senior Watch program available to senior residents wherein they can be checked on weekly.

The department will be switching dispatching services to the Boardman PD on May 15th. Goshen PD will be purchasing three used (one year old) portable radios from Boardman PD for \$1000/each and will install GPS units in seven cruisers at a cost of \$771.67 and a monthly data fee of \$18.95 per car. These purchases are in the PD budget and do not require a motion by the Trustees.

Part-time officer William Aaron has submitted his resignation, effective April 21st. Motion by Beeson, seconded by McCracken, to accept this resignation. All voted YES.

The Chief introduced Kim Beatty who desires to become a Reserve Officer. Upon the Chief's recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to hire Kim effective April 16th. All voted YES.

The Chief presented figures on calls to the Village Network Girls Home (formerly the Sharon Lynn Girls Home), noting that since the new management has taken over, calls to the PD and problems at the Home have been reduced considerably.

Several neighbors of the Home attended tonight's meeting and added their comments. Behavior of the girls was discussed, along with their concerns over trespassing and neighbor's safety. Linda den Heijer and Chuck Baldwin from the Home management staff listened to neighbor's concerns and made comments about the changes they have made since taking over operations at Village Network. Police will try to make more visits to the Home to meet the girls and try to develop a personal relationship with them.

Public Comment:

John Biery has looked at the dugouts and feels they are in too poor a condition to be repaired. He recommended taking them down. John also noted that there are several tombstones at Bunker Hill Old Cemetery that are tipped over. He up-righted some, but others are too heavy. Randy & Matt will look at the problem. John noted that the cemetery is dark at night. The Church has offered to pay for the electricity if Goshen would install a security light on the east side of the Church.

Trustee Beeson:

Cemetery flags for veterans will be picked up on April 30th at 1:00pm. Todd will need help getting the flags this year. He can go to the site, but will need someone to take him.

Todd noted ditch problems on Duck Creek Road, north of Calla Road is a county problem. Bob has already sent the Engineer's office an e-mail about this problem.

Trustee Heineman:

Nothing this month.

Trustee McCracken:

As noted last month regarding the abandoned house at 13810 SR 534, 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. Bob got one estimate from Less Contracting to demo the house, fill in the basement, and grade the lot for \$7350. Discussion was held on the existing septic system. Beeson moved, seconded by McCracken, to have the system die tested to see if it was functioning. Cost limit for die testing was set at \$300.00. All voted YES.

A couple more demo estimates will be gotten before a decision is made.

It's time to estimate salt needs for the 2017-2018 winter. Randy will see what is left from this winter, discuss with Berlin Township, and get an estimate before the end of April.

The Tire Recycling contract was signed by Trustees. Bob will take the contract to tomorrow's Green Team meeting.

The easement request by Chris and Nancy Schenk was discussed. The address will be 14823 Floral Drive. The easement must be signed by the Trustees and the owners before becoming official.

A resolution to prohibit marijuana cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries was received from the county prosecutor's office. Each Trustee was given a copy to read and review. At the May meeting, a resolution for Goshen Township will be presented.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 8:25pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer