

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

June 12, 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 May 8, 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	\$ 62,405.17
Warrants	\$ 19,978.00
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 79,418.06</u>
Total	\$161,801.23

All voted YES.

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

Road Report:

Randy Smith reported there were 1,980 miles put on vehicles in May, 90 gallons of diesel and 110 gallons of gasoline were used, and there were no burials.

The workers picked up limbs and cut trees on county roads to assist the county, painted the snow plow, replaced the mailbox at the administration building, cleaned ditches on Duck Creek and Pine Lake roads, mowed all roads to the ditch, sprayed guard rails and trails at the park, mulched at the cemeteries, put flags out at the cemeteries, installed new front brakes on the Ford pickup, and cut up trees at Bricker Park.

The 2001 IH dump truck is at Alliance Motors for an injector pump replacement.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in May 2017 there were 11 fire runs and 23 EMS runs - 13 in Goshen and 6 in Butler and 4 others.

Recycling:

The annual Scrap/Appliance drive was held from May 13-May 20. Ten thousand one hundred sixty (10,160) pounds of scrap was collected, worth \$508.00 to the Recycling program.

Paul noted that there are five dead trees at the north end of the East Goshen cemetery that may need taken down. Roger will check with property owner Rob Spencer to see who owns the trees.

Police Report:

In May, police handled 337 events and put 6,145 miles on vehicles. Chief McDaniel reported that May was a slow month.

The Chief asked Trustees to make a change to the Holiday rule. Currently, holidays have to be taken within 30 days of the actual holiday, but due to staffing issues, some employees are not able to take the holiday within the 30 day period. Trustees granted permission for the police department employees to utilize floating holidays, with the Chief's approval.

Also, upon the recommendation of the Chief, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to hire part-time officer Matt Beck as a full-time officer, effective June 12th. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Chuck Baldwin from the Village Network invited the community to their open house on Friday, July 7th from noon until 3:00pm. Chief McDaniel also commented that things are much better at the home in recent months.

Valerie Knoedler, representing the Damascus Garden Club, asked for monies to purchase flowers for the Damascus Park. Trustees approved payment of \$44.80 for the flowers.

Tom Rhodes thanked the Trustees for use of chairs by the Fire Department at a funeral dinner.

Trustee Beeson:

Discussion was held on people placing decorations around grave sites, making mowing and maintenance problems. It was noted that the Rules & Regulations for Goshen cemeteries can be found on the township website. Paul noted glass and a can got pulled into the mower blades during one mowing.

Jed Caldwell will be starting the logging at Bricker Park this week.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger had talked with Dale Elder about the light at the Bunker Hill Methodist Church. He is awaiting some options from Dale and will report back at the next meeting.

Roger and Todd reviewed township roads and decided to have Smith-Goshen Road from S.R. 62 to Garfield Road chip & sealed this summer. They are recommending two layers – one with #57 and the second with #8 limestone. Roger and Randy will get several quotations.

Also, while the work is being done on Smith-Goshen, it was suggested that the 2-3 culverts on the Shreve property that are on the edge of the highway could be moved off the highway back into the yard and the dips in the road be smoothed out by raising the cleanouts and installing covers. This would improve the bumpy ride on the road and make plowing snow safer. Randy and Matt will investigate options.

Trustee McCracken:

Regarding the abandoned house at 13810 SR 534, due high grass on the property, the septic tank lines could not be inspected. Randy has been instructed to brush hog the lots after conducting a walk through to be sure the ground area is safe from debris.

The Damascus catch basin replacement on French Street, First Street, and Fifth Street was completed in May. The S.R. 534 catch basin replacement was completed last week.

How the township could assist the county with some road projects was delayed due to Tony (from County) being on vacation.

Nothing was decided about crack sealing any roads in the township.

Holmes Supply will be doing the S.R. 534 chip & seal project from S.R. 62 to S.R. 165. Bob secured a quotation to chip & seal Front Street as the equipment will be passing directly past that location. Beeson moved, seconded by McCracken, to have Holmes Supply do the Mill Street chip & seal for \$5400, per the quote. All voted YES.

Bob provided Tom Rhodes an opinion letter from the county prosecutor wherein the Damascus Fire Department “must provide fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical protection to the residents of Goshen Township and any and all property located within Goshen Township. Failure to do so is a breach of this Contract.”

Mr. Rhodes stated that the fire department will comply with this opinion.

Bob asked to be allowed to attend a Grant Writing workshop in Columbus on August 14-15 at a cost of \$455. Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to allow Mr. McCracken to attend. All voted YES.

Bob provided WRTA EasyGo service information on usage by various areas in the southwest portion of the county.

At our July meeting, Trustees will review road department employees.

Todd was given information about updating our census addresses for the township.

Trustees agreed to a rental agreement with the Board of Elections to use the building for the fall elections. Bob will sign the rental agreement and send to the Board of Elections.

Adjournment:

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

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

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer