

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

August 14, 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 July 10, 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	\$ 66,287.66
Warrants	\$ 978.60
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 22,997.57</u>
Total	\$ 90,263.83

All voted YES.

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

The Lighting Assessment (2401) and the Fire District (2111) Appropriations need to be increased (Resolution 2017-0814) as follows:

Lighting due to installing two street lights (\$2,400) and higher tax collection fees:

Electricity:	Increased from \$6,000 to \$9,000
Payment to another political sub-division:	Increased from \$ 50 to \$ 85

The Fire District needs increased by \$10,000 as the Fire Department was paid for a grant and the total fire appropriation needs to reflect this additional expense.

So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission (Resolution 2017-0814b) and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Moved by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to accept. All voted YES.

Road Report:

Randy Smith reported there were 1,342 miles put on vehicles in July, 174 gallons of diesel and 76 gallons of gasoline were used, there was one burial at Bunker Hill cemetery and one burial at East Goshen New cemetery.

The workers applied 50 tons of blacktop on Seacrist Road south of the bridge, cleared the parking lot and spread gravel at Bricker Park, installed a new hose on the backhoe, cleaned the ditch on Seacrist Road, cut dead trees and burned brush at East Goshen cemetery, cut limbs by the railroad bridge, installed bird netting at the recycling building on Seacrist Road.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in July there were 10 fire runs and 19 EMS runs - 15 in Goshen and 3 in Butler and 1 other.

Recycling:

The annual Customer Appreciation, Tire and Electronics drive will be held September 23rd.

Electronics drive from: 9:00am - noon

Tire drive from: 9:00am-3:00pm

Police Report:

In July, police handled 315 events and put 5,440 miles on vehicles.

The Chief noted that Reserve Officer Kim Beatty has resigned, effective today. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

Also, Desk Officer Katie Glasser has resigned from full-time to part-time as she has accepted a job with Austintown Dispatch, effective 08/26/2017. McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to accept the resignation/change. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Resident Teresa Stratton introduced herself to the audience, stating that she will be running for election as township trustee as a write-in candidate.

Tom Rhodes asked for a bigger cement pad at the Fire Department recycle bin area due to front-load trucks rolling the gravel when they enter to dump the bins. Bob will discuss this with Lou Vega of the Green Team.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd thanked Randy and Matt for cleaning up Bricker Park after the logging project.

He noted that he has found other covers for the Smith-Goshen culverts that can be custom sized and will be cheaper to purchase.

Pictures for the Canfield Fair display are being accumulated. There needs to be a work date to organize the display before August 28th.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger talked with Dale Elder. Ohio Edison will install a light at Bunker Hill UMC and charge a monthly flat fee of around \$15.00 on the existing light pole. John Biery will discuss this cost with Trustees at BH United Methodist Church and get back to us.

Trustee McCracken:

Bob had nothing new to report on the abandoned house at 13810 S.R. 534

Regarding assisting the county with road projects, Bob has tried several times to see Engineer Pat Ginnetti when Bob was at his office, but has not caught him in the office yet.

The cost to apply asphalt sealer to Mill Street would be \$1,671.50. This would be a test project to see how chip/seal is preserved on roads and, if successful, could be used on other township roads. Moved by Beeson, seconded by McCracken, to do this sealing at a cost not to exceed \$1,671.50. All voted YES.

Bob gave detailed repair costs for the storm damage to the roof and building. Total cost is \$105,004.25 and is covered at 100%. Bob will begin getting vendor estimates for the roof replacement, which is needed before the weather changes. After the roof is replaced inside repairs can be started.

Quotes to chip/seal Smith-Goshen Road from Garfield Road to S.R. 62 (double coat) is:

Melway	\$54,038.55
Specialized Construction	\$49,865.25

Due to the late start, Melway may not be able to complete the work before winter.

There is gravel in the Administration parking lot, but another 250 tons may be needed to complete the project at a cost of \$4,625.

Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to proceed with Specialized Constructions at a total cost not to exceed \$55,000. All voted YES.

Bob met today with Tim Saxton, the West Branch Local School District Superintendent, and they agreed on a two-year School Resource Officer (SRO) contract renewal of \$20,000 per year. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to sign this contract. All voted YES.

At 8:10pm Bob moved, seconded by Beeson, to go into Executive Session to discuss the five-year renewal of the Green Township Police contract. All voted YES.

At 9:06pm Bob reopened the meeting after being in Executive Session to discuss the five-year renewal of the Green Township Police contract. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 9:07pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer