

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**September 11, 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 August 14, 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 August 2017 bank statements are in balance and were reviewed by the Trustees.

Currently the township has invested:

Farmer's Money Market	\$100,147.62	earning	.008 %
1-yr CDARS, expires 09/21/2017	\$100,929.14		.0552%
2-yr CDARS, expires 09/21/2017	\$202,854.80		.0808%

We can re-new as follows:

1-yr CDARS	\$101,000.00	1 10%
2-yr CDARS	\$203,000.00	1.26%
ICS Sweep	100,000.00	.30%

Based on the Fiscal Officer's recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to invest in the 1-yr, 2-yr, and ICS sweep as noted above. All voted YES.

## **Road Report:**

Randy Smith reported there were 1,523 miles put on vehicles in August, 261 gallons of diesel and 56 gallons of gasoline were used, there was one burial at Bunker Hill cemetery and one burial at East Goshen New cemetery.

The workers applied 137 tons of blacktop on Seacrist Road south of the bridge, used 90 tons for patching on Malmsberry Road, installed bird netting in the garage/recycling building, mowed all roads back to the bank or crops, sprayed all guard rails, helped Berlin Township skim path on Leffingwell Road, cleaned more ditch on Seacrist Road, helped Smith Twp. install a 24" culvert on Pine Lake Road. replaced the exhaust system on the 2001 IH truck, did traffic control on Smith-Goshen while it was being chipped/sealed.

They also worked with ODOT to get new stop sign on 5<sup>th</sup> Street (Damascus) and at the S.R. 14 / Smith-Goshen intersection.

**Fire Report:**

The Fiscal Officer reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in August there were 7 fire runs and 22 EMS runs - 16 in Goshen and 4 in Butler and 2 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 August, police handled 315 events and put 5,530 miles on vehicles.

Steve reported that the new policy manual is completed and has been reviewed by Sgt. Calko and himself. It now needs approved by Columbus. Officers will need to undergo training and then be tested on all aspects of the new policy manual. Any additional changes to Goshen regulations can be passed as needed in the future.

Per the Chief's recommendation, Beeson moved, seconded by McCracken, that the manual be approved and accepted. All voted YES.

**Public Comment:**

Abe Bricker thanked Randy and Matt for cleanup work done in Bricker Park, recommended that bridges be painted, and noted that some ditches need cleaned.

John Biery wanted confirmed that the cost of the cemetery light installation would be free and the monthly electric fee would be a \$15.00 flat charge. If so, the Bunker Hill Methodist Church has approved this installation and ongoing charge. Roger will again check with Dale Elder to finalize this installation.

Ethel Trimm had questions about mailbox posts and had concerns about burning brush on her property with agricultural crops growing adjacent to her fire area. She should contact the fire department to verify if burning is allowed and would be safe.

**Trustee Beeson:**

The covers for the Smith-Goshen culverts were again discussed. Road personnel don't feel they are needed. Todd feels they should be installed. Tom is holding an invoice for \$830 until a decision is made. Todd will meet with Matt Springer at that location and a decision will be made.

Todd reported that after reading the rules and regulations for the Census Bureau report he had found that reporting is very restrictive, personnel could be fined or imprisoned if security is not extremely controlled, and it could be costly to the township to acquire all data needed. McCracken therefore moved, seconded by Heineman, to opt-out of reporting. All voted YES.

Todd reported that a resident has a father buried on one of our cemeteries, has paid for a foundation, but that foundation has yet to be poured. Todd has promised the resident that the foundation will be poured by month-end, so will contact Randy & Matt to see when they can pour the foundation.

Canfield Fair display had some problems with the computer needing restarted most days.

**Trustee Heineman:**

Roger noted that the chip/seal on Smith-Goshen Road was completed and was very well done.

**Trustee McCracken:**

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

The asphalt sealer to Mill Street will be done this Saturday. Matt will need to sweep the road either Thursday or Friday in preparation for the sealing.

To install a pitched roof on the Administration Building, an engineering cost of approximately \$10,000 will need done by Howells & Baird, plans will need submitted and approved in Columbus, the installation will need to be bid out, and bids opened. This could take 6-8 weeks. Trustees discussed just installing a new flat roof, but eventually felt the pitched roof would last longer and pose fewer problems. Therefore, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to proceed with engineering work on installing a pitched roof. All voted YES.

At the last Green Township meeting, McCracken submitted a new police contract for renewal. Green Trustees made a few changes:

Jan. 1, 2018 thru Dec. 31, 2018	\$260,004	(no change)
Jan. 1, 2019 thru Dec. 31, 2020	\$266,508	(2.5% increase)
option to renew another 3 years		
Jan. 1, 2021 thru Dec. 31, 2023	\$273,180	(2.5% increase)

Green will pay \$2,436 quarterly if gasoline stays under \$3.50/gallon. If prices go over \$3.50/gal for three consecutive months, cost returns to \$3,250 quarterly.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to accept this police contract. All voted YES.

Bob & Chief McDaniel interviewed Washingtonville resident Mary Hrovatic for the part-time position of Desk Officer. After discussion, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to hire Mary at a probationary rate of \$10.00/hr with a start date of Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. All voted YES.

Tom Knoedler offered to purchase the used 4-yr old UAN personal computer for \$100 and one of the basketball backboards for \$25. McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to accept the offers. All voted YES.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 8:35pm. All voted YES.

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Robert McCracken, Chairman

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Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

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Todd Beeson, Trustee

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Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer