

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**October 9, 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 September 11th 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	\$ 53,477.21
Warrants	\$111,614.55
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 31,743.33</u>
Total	\$196,835.09

All voted YES.

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

Per last month's meeting, we have re-newed our CD's as follows:

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

The Fiscal Officer needs to submit appropriation changes to the county auditor as follows:

1000 General Fund	+ \$105.000	Storm Damage
2081 Police	+ \$ 13,300	new Server
2901 Recycling	+ \$ 2,000	Tire Recycling

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

## **Road Report:**

Randy Smith reported there were 1364 miles put on vehicles in September, 217 gallons of diesel and 36 gallons of gasoline were used, there was one burial at East Goshen cemetery, five tons of asphalt were applied to Damascus streets, salt has been ordered, and Smith-Goshen Road was skim patched.

Randy asked about the bee problem at East Goshen, noting that if the bees are moved at this time they probably will die.. The beekeeper recommended waiting until spring, then moving them. Trustees agreed to wait.

The road crew looked at the culvert on Sharon Lynn Drive. This is not a township culvert, but is the responsibility of the homeowner.

**Fire Report:**

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in September there were 12 fire runs and 41 EMS runs - 18 in Goshen and 17 in Butler and 6 others.

He will try to schedule a meeting between Fire Dept. personnel and Goshen Trustees in late October or early November to discuss the 2018 fire contract.

**Recycling:**

The annual Customer Appreciation, Tire and Electronics drive was held September 23rd.  
681 tires  
8,366 lbs. of electronics were collected.

Paul turned in expenses for the Customer Appreciation Day and \$13.21 in cash.

**Police Report:**

In September, police handled 370 events and put 6,310 miles on vehicles.

Officer Kevin Ragan has completed a two week D.A.R.E. training course.

A new Dell server has been installed to replace the old server that is starting to experience some problems.

**Public Comment:**

Tom Rhodes noted that receipts for the fire grant of \$10,000 has been submitted to the Ohio Dept. of Commerce Grant Administration, completing the grant.

Abe Bricker stated that he does not feel that Bricker Park is being properly maintained, recommends more attention to the park, and suggested we create a fund for park maintenance. Trustees noted that that fund was already created last year with money from the timber logging project.

**Trustee Beeson:**

Todd thanked Paul for his work in putting together another successful Customer Appreciation / Tire Recycling / Electronics Day that was very well attended.

He also asked the road department to trim down the shrubs in front of the gym.

**Trustee Heineman:**

Roger suggested that the road department sweep the newly chipped portion of Smith-Goshen Road and then take the sweepings to Bricker Park for use on the trails.

He has reviewed the Mill Street sealing and feels it is holding up very well.

Regarding the security light for the Goshen Old Cemetery, Roger suggested that John Biery contact Dale Elder to confirm pricing and installation charges, if any.

**Trustee McCracken:**

Bob suggested that the abandoned house at 13810 S.R. 534 be placed on the list of houses to be demolished by the Land Bank. The township doesn't have the resources to tear down the house. The Land Bank can include the house in its schedule, but it will probably be two or more years before any demolition takes place.

Bob suggested having another auction to sell all surplus equipment that is taking up room in various offices around the building. Todd volunteered to take the lead on getting an auction scheduled and equipment listed.

Regarding the storm damage to the Administration Building:

The insurance company is recommending we use a general contractor to do all repairs under one contractor, as opposed to using numerous contractors to do specific repairs (floor, ceiling tile, painting, etc.) If numerous contractors are used, the insurance company will pay less to Goshen after calculating depreciation on those items repaired.

The 2018 budgeting process has begun. Department heads will be putting together their budgets based on 2017 spending and future needs/projects.

Trustees will meet with the Damascus Fire Department about the 2018 contract before our next meeting.

Trustees need to make a revision to the cemetery regulations regarding funeral homes notifying cemetery personnel before scheduling burials with the families.

Bob asked the Road Department to get more information regarding backhoe replacement.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 7:50pm. 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