

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

November 13, 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.

Trustees and residents observed a moment of silence to former Clerk Hilda Spack who passed away in late October.

Bob congratulated Todd Beeson on his re-election and Teresa Stratton for being elected as a write-in candidate for Trustee.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes of October 9th 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	\$ 48,746.17
Warrants	\$ 1,740.22
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 81,038.70</u>
Total	\$131,525.09

All voted YES.

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

Two lots have been sold at East Goshen Cemetery, New Section. Trustees signed the Certificate of Ownership papers.

Road Report:

Randy Smith reported there were 1158 miles put on vehicles in October, 139 gallons of diesel and 53 gallons of gasoline were used, there was one burial at Bunker Hill cemetery, four tons of asphalt were applied to Wallace hill in Garfield, swept and gathered gravel on Smith-Goshen Road, cleaned up tractor and broom, graded dirt roads, pressure washed trucks, sprayed frames with fluid film for winter, trimmed bushes at Administration building, fixed seat on X-mark mower, set up some stones at Bunker Hill Old cemetery.

Matt & Randy have been working on a quote for a new backhoe to replace the 20 year old Case backhoe.

Randy would like to have Nov. 27 thru Dec. 1 for vacation (deer hunting).

Trustees asked the road department to update their listing of veterans buried in the township cemeteries and keep it up to date. Recently there was a complaint that a father buried in one of the cemeteries did not have a flag placed on his grave for Veteran's Day.

Fire Report:

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in October there were 13 fire runs and 20 EMS runs - 10 in Goshen and 6 in Butler and 4 others.

Fire Dept. personnel and Goshen Trustees will meet tomorrow night at 6:00pm to discuss the 2018 fire contract.

Recycling:

Paul turned in \$60.00 from the sale of aluminum cans.

Police Report:

In October, police handled 403 events and put 5,438 miles on vehicles.

Steve introduced to part-time officer candidates to the Trustees and audience.

Per the Chief's recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to hire Zachary Scott of Kingsman as a part-time officer, effective today. All voted YES.

Per the Chief's recommendation, Beeson moved, seconded by Heineman, to hire Matthew King Scott of Akron as a part-time officer, effective today. All voted YES.

Steve would like to limit the department towing contract list to six companies. Additional companies interested can be added to the list, then moved up whenever one of the six current companies ask to be withdrawn or are removed by Trustees. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

The Chief then displayed specialty license plates that will be placed on the cruisers that identify that cruiser. McDaniel noted that the plates will make it easier to identify the driver whenever there is a complaint.

Public Comment:

Tom Rhodes congratulated both Todd and Teresa Stratton on their elections to office.

Abe Bricker spoke fondly of our late Clerk Hilda Spack, reflecting on her service to the township and how well she handled the duties of the Clerk's office.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd will get all of the old surplus equipment listed before the end of the year so that the equipment can be auctioned.

Trustee Heineman:

Roger wants Randy to look at the culvert on Smith-Goshen Road, between S.R. 165 and Middletown Road. The ground around the culvert is washing out and repairs are needed.

Trustee McCracken:

Regarding the storm damage to the Administration Building:

Asbestos testing will be needed for floor tile and the glue that adheres the tile to the floor. Bids for repairs should be advertised by the end of November.

Trustees have received a complaint from the neighbor across from the abandoned house in Garfield. This house is being turned over to the land bank for demolition, but that will not happen for a couple years. Bob will talk to them about another solution that could be available if they would like to participate in the solution.

Department heads are working on the 2018 budget which will be presented and voted upon at the December meeting.

Discussion was held on purchasing a new Case backhoe to replace the 20-year old Case backhoe from Southeastern Equipment Co. (Larry Zunic, salesman). Prices are as follows:

Backhoe quote:	\$89,180.85		
54" ditch bucket	\$ 1,850.00	List price:	\$161,055.00
Cemetery bucket	\$ 1,800.00	State disc.	- 72,474.75
Forks	\$ 2,100.00	Selling price	\$ 88,580.25
Thumb (clamp)	\$ 2,500.00	seat	\$ 660.60
	-----	Final cost	\$ 89,180.85
Total	\$97,430.85		

We are being offered \$15,000 for the old Case backhoe on trade-in. McCracken moved to accept this deal IF the trade-in was increased to \$17,500. The offer would be good for 5 business days. If not accepted, the deal could then be accepted IF the trade-in was only \$17,000. Seconded by Beeson.

Rollcall vote: McCracken YES
Heineman NO
Beeson YES Motion passed

Note: Matt Springer contacted salesman Zunic on Tuesday (Nov. 14) with the new trade-in offer and the deal was accepted by Southeastern

The old Case will be used as our first year payment on a new 4 year lease. (Paperwork to follow)

Employee Health Insurance for 2018:

Bob has spent many hours working with Morris Casualty in pricing the township health insurance for 2018. Many townships health rates are increasing by 15% - 40%.

Goshen 2018 rates will increase by only 6.21%. The only change to the policy is Benefit Period Deductible will increase

from \$1000/\$2000

to \$1500/\$3000

Out-of-Pocket Maximum will increase

from \$2000/\$4000

to \$2500/\$5000

Trustees were given detailed plan information to review. A decision will be made at the December meeting.

Adjournment:

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

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 8:10pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer