

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**December 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 November 13<sup>th</sup> 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	\$ 50,893.72
Warrants	\$ 13,707.23
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 23,402.03</u>
Total	\$ 88,002.98

All voted YES.

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

The appropriations for the Fire Department need to be increased by \$6,000 due to more income being received than had been budgeted. A grant for \$10,000 and taxes collected for an additional \$5,500 were received. Currently there would be over \$8,000 too much in the 2018 carry-over. McCracken moved to increase the appropriation, seconded by Beeson. All voted YES.

Paperwork has been signed for a four-year lease on the new Case backhoe. The current backhoe is being traded-in for \$17,500. There will be four annual payments of \$21,501.75.

Paperwork for the Farmer's National Bank Sweep account have been signed. This account will pay interest at .30%. Our current Money Market account pays .18%. I would recommend closing the money market account and rolling that money into the Sweep account to earn better interest. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Heineman. All voted YES.

## **Road Report:**

Randy Smith reported there were 1219 miles put on vehicles in November, 198 gallons of diesel and 43 gallons of gasoline were used, there were no burials, mowed all roads again, hauled grit for winter ice control, worked on sign survey (around 200 signed need replaced with high visibility signs),. Roger from Smith Township mowed banks and ditches for us, filled several sunken grave sites, cleaned up and put away mowers.

Randy recommended contacting Perry Township about having our section of Pine Lake Road chip & sealed next summer when Columbiana County is working on their section of the road. Bob will make that contact.

**Fire Report:**

Tom Rhodes reported for Fire Chief Derek Day that in November there were 12 fire runs and 22 EMS runs - 11 in Goshen and 9 in Butler and 2 others.

The 2018 fire contract arrived back here at the office late this afternoon. Trustees will review and sign.

**Recycling:**

Paul reported that Christmas trees will again this year be accepted for recycling from December 26<sup>th</sup> thru mid-January.

Todd was excused from the meeting at this point to take care of an injury he sustained during the pledge of allegiance.

**Police Report:**

In November, police handled 417 events and put 5,522 miles on vehicles. The new police car is now in service.

Steve introduced Sean Brindack from Alliance as a part-time officer candidate. Sean is currently working part-time with the Alliance PD and Sebring PD. On the chief's recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to hire Sean as a part-time officer, effective today. Both voted YES.

Steve also announced the resignations of part-time officers Matt Elser and Brianna Jones. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to accept the resignations. Both voted YES.

**Public Comment:**

Resident Abe Bricker questioned the payment to Fire Chief Derek Day for 2017 fire reports when Derek is not attending township meetings and being available for questions at the meetings. Bob explained that payment to the Fire Prevention Officer – typically the Fire Chief – is in the fire contract and payment was made from fire department funds as required by the fire contract.

Tom Rhodes thanked Trustee Heineman for his years of service as trustee and also for prior years working for the township.

Teresa Stratton also thanked Roger for his years of service to Goshen Township.

**Trustee Beeson:**

Excused, as noted above.

**Trustee Heineman:**

Roger noted that both Goshen and Smith Townships had picked up a free truck load each of HPM (High-performance mix) road repair material from the county garage at no cost to the townships.

**Trustee McCracken:**

Regarding the house on S.R. 534, it was recently found out that a bank has a lien on the property, but has no interest in pursuing taking over the property. Additionally, the owner has made a payment on back taxes. This causes interruptions in the Land Bank taking the property and demo'ing the house.

Bob reported on the storm damage repairs:

Dave from Howells & Baird now states it will be at least another two weeks before specs to repair the building can be sent out

Asbestos testing was done and there is asbestos in both some floor tiles and in the glue used to adhere those tiles. One bid to remove has been received. Bob will try to get more quotes.

At 7:40pm McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and the 2018 fire contract. Both voted YES. The Fiscal Officer was asked to attend.

At 8:10pm McCracken reopened the meeting after having gone into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and the 2018 fire contract.

Having reviewed the 2018 fire contract with the Damascus Fire Department, McCracken moved, seconded by Heineman, to approve the contract as presented. Both voted YES.

The Fiscal Officer presented the 2018 budget and asked the 2018 appropriations be accepted.

Beginning balance:	\$ 701,012
Anticipated income:	\$1,332,717
Anticipated expenses:	\$1,690,688
Cash balance at year-end:	\$ 343,040

Motion to accept by McCracken, seconded by Heineman. Both voted YES.

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Heineman, to accept the 2018 Health Care package as presented for review last meeting. The only changes will be increases of deductibles. 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

Both voted YES.

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Bob also noted that he has recently gotten two contracts reduced as follows:

Garbage (Republic ) from \$111.82/mo to \$91.82/mo for 24 months

Cintas (mops & rugs) from \$ 88.58/mo to \$45.00/mo for 18 months

**Adjournment:**

The 2017 Year-end meeting and the 2018 Reorganizational meeting will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 10:00am.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Heineman, to adjourn at 8:20pm. Both voted YES.

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Robert McCracken, Chairman

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Roger Heineman, Vice Chairman

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Todd Beeson, excused

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Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer