

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

Mar. 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Trustees Robert McCracken, Teresa Stratton, Todd Beeson, and Fiscal Officer Tom Knoedler were present.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes of February 12, 2018 meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Approve Bills:

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to approve payment of:

Payroll	\$ 50,377.09
Warrants	\$ 2,005.44
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 19,968.44</u>
Total	\$ 72,350.97

All voted YES.

The January 2018 bank statement and the February 2018 bank statement are now in balance.

The Fiscal Officer asked permission to use electronic signatures on all future purchase orders. In January he had to sign 112 purchase orders. At the OTA convention, the State Auditor noted that the UAN software allows for electronic signatures.

McCracken moved, seconded by Stratton, to authorize the township Fiscal Officer to use electronic signatures on all purchase orders on the UAN system (Resolution 2018-0312). All voted YES.

Road Report:

Randy is just back from hip replacement surgery and reports that there were 1620 miles put on vehicles in February, 370 gallons of fuel were used, 65 tons of salt/grit were spread, 3 tons of HPM patch and 25 tons of limestone were applied to roads, and there were no burials.

A total of 7 weather events took place, requiring snow plowing and/or salting.

Notes:

Due to some minor flooding on North Seacrist. changes were made to a catch basin to prevent any future flooding. There was a wash out at the intersection of Western Reserve and north Seacrist Road that has been taken care of. The steam power washer has arrived and has been placed into service. Matt met with resident Abe Bricker to discuss some changes needed at Bricker Park. Filling of pot holes has started using HPM until hot mix can be made available.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that in February there were 11 fire runs and 26 EMS runs – 6 in Goshen, 14 in Butler, 6 others.

The department has applied for a \$92,000 grant to purchase new coats.

Recycling:

Nothing

Police Report:

In February, police handled 293 events and drove 6,978 miles.

Chief McDaniel asked to implement a new training reimbursement agreement. Officers are asking for training, then will leave the department taking with them the knowledge learned while the township has paid for the training. The Chief is recommending that if the officer leaves from one to six months after the training, that officer would pay for 100% of the training cost. If the officer leaves from six to twelve months after the training, that officer would pay for 75% of the training cost. This policy will be reviewed by the policy attorney that previously created our police policy. Upon approval by the policy attorney, Beeson moved, seconded by Stratton, to approve this reimbursement agreement. All voted YES.

Part-time officer Sean Brindack has resigned to pursue full-time duties at the Sebring Police Department. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to accept this resignation, effective 03/08/2018. All voted YES.

Part-time officer Michael Wirkner has resigned effective 02/15/2018. Motion by Beeson, seconded by Stratton, to accept this resignation. All voted YES.

Steve then introduced Michael Sherry as a part-time officer candidate and recommended his hiring. Per the Chief's recommendation, Beeson moved, seconded by Stratton, to hire Mr. Sherry as a part-time officer, effective 03/18/2018. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Resident Abe Bricker stated that he had met with Matt Springer at Bricker Park and they marked trees in the corner of the park that need to be left standing. Unmarked trees should be removed and area cleaned up around the burial marker.

Note: This is only a marker, no one is buried at this location.

Abe and Mrs. Stratton are scheduled to meet with Mill Creek Director Aaron Young at the park on March 23rd at 8:30am.

Tom Rhodes reminded everyone of the Fire Department benefit for a second heart monitor on April 7th at BoneShakers in Salem.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd will meet with the Soil & Water Division at Bricker Park in late March or early April to discuss pond water.

He reported that the Fire Department has removed some equipment from the WIC room as part of the equipment donation noted at our last meeting. Additional equipment will be removed from the records room before month-end.

Todd recommended setting a date for road inspections so that road repair/resurfacing can be prioritized. Trustees agreed on Monday, April 9th at 1:00pm. Stratton moved, seconded by McCracken, to schedule this as a special trustee meeting to comply to Sunshine Laws. All voted YES.

Trustee Stratton:

Teresa drove behind the Damascus Fire station where the dirt and stone are stored and saw no problems as to how the area is kept organized.

Matt Springer is asking for vacation from April 5th thru April 8th (2 scheduled work days). Trustees ok'ed those dates.

Teresa thanked Jon Kampfer for filling in while Randy was recovering from hip replacement.

She also displayed an article from the Alliance Review highlighting Officer Kevin Ragan as West Branch School Resource Officer (SRO).

Trustee McCracken:

Bob suggested policy manual changes regarding funeral leaves and sick time and suggested that all employees take random drug tests. By all employees taking drug testing, our insurance rates and worker's comp rates would be decreased.

Interior building repair will begin next week. Pricing for roof replacement is:

Pitched roof, 50 year steel warranty \$120,000

Flat roof, 20 year warranty \$ 50,754

Due to the significant cost difference, the available money from insurance, and the replacement monies currently available to fund the difference, McCracken moved, seconded by Stratton, to proceed with a flat roof replacement. All voted YES.

Bob wants to work with the County Engineer and county road departments sharing some areas of work. Bob suggested that Goshen do the berm'ing and ditching and the county do the road cleanup from that work. Todd and Teresa agreed. Bob will suggest this to Pat Ginnetti.

The Dodge Charger cruiser needs replaced. Pricing was received for a 2018 Ford Interceptor sedan as fol<https://zna3ibgvbbhforp7n-web.siteintercept.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsShared/Graphics//siteintercept/feedback-green-right.png>lows:

	Lebanon Ford	Sarchione Ford	Fairway Ford
Base w/ options	\$26,119.00	\$27,734.00	\$28,617.08
Trade-in	n/a	\$ -4,600.00	n/a
Delivery	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	<u>included</u>	<u>included</u>
Total cost	\$26,269.00	\$23,134.00	\$28,617.08

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to purchase from Sarchione Ford. All voted YES.

Use of the road grader for the Goshen Ruritan tractor pulls was discussed. Neither Randy or Matt are interested in using the grader at the pulls. Trustees are reluctant to have non-employees or those not familiar with the grader driving it. Therefore, it was decided to not offer and not allow use of the road grader this year.

Trustees then discussed replacement of the sidewalk in front of the main entrance door. It is raising up due to frost, cracked, and causing a walking hazard. It will be replaced, but Bob suggested that a 4” pipe be installed from the downspouts, under the sidewalk, connecting to the drainage pipe along S.R. 165 before new cement is poured. Teresa will get estimates for cement replacement. Randy will check with the State about connecting to the drain pipe at the road.

Adjournment:

The road inspection special meeting will be held on April 9, 2018 at 1:00pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Stratton, to adjourn at 8:05pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairman

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer