

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**Apr. 9, 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 March 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	\$ 61,631.10
Warrants	\$ 58,326.86
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 18,871.87</u>
Total	\$ 138,829.83

All voted YES.

The March 2018 bank statement is in balance.

## **Road Report:**

Randy reported that there were 1253 miles put on vehicles in March, 237 gallons of fuel were used, 6 tons of salt/grit was spread, roads were plowed twice, there was one burial.

Grit was hauled to fill the bin before the price increases went into effect, straightened fence at Lumberton Cemetery, cleaned up grindings and dirt at Fire Station, called about bees in trees at East Goshen Cemetery, purchased gravel from Solomon's for shooting range driveway.

## **Fire Report:**

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that in March there were 20 fire runs and 26 EMS runs – 19 in Goshen, 5 in Butler, and 2 others.

The "Night at the Races" fund raiser benefit was well attended. Profit will be used to purchase a second heart monitor

## **Recycling Report:**

Paul Manypenny has set the dates for the Scrap, Tire, Electronics drives:

May 12 – 19	Scrap drive
Sept 22	Tire Drive, Electronics Drive, Customer Appreciation Day

**Police Report:**

In March, police handled 516 events and drove 8,214 miles.

Recently hired part-time officer Frank Califano, Jr. has submitted his resignation, effective 03/26/2018, to join the Union County Sheriff's office as a full-time officer. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Beeson, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

**Public Comment:**

On behalf of the Damascus Garden Club. Valerie Knoedler asked permission to purchase flowers for the Damascus Park. Trustees gladly approved and thanked the Garden Club for their work doing plantings in the park.

Abe Bricker noted that Fire Chief Derek Day does a tremendous amount of paperwork reporting to the state about fire and EMS runs and noted a completely clogged culvert tile at the north side of Stratton Road/S.R. 165 intersection, stating it is causing erosion to the edge of the roadways. Mr. McCracken has already talked with the County road department.

Abe, Teresa, Todd, Matt, and Randy met with Mill Creek Manager Aaron Young at Bricker Park. Aaron noted that the Mill Creek system does not want to own/lease any no more ground, but did give several ideas for improvements to the Bricker Park area. Abe also asked about residency requirements to hold office in the township. He was referred to the election board in Youngstown for answers.

Tom Rhodes also commented on the clogged ditch noted above and the damage it has caused to the ditch. Tom also thanked area residents for their overwhelming attendance at the Fire Department benefit held last Saturday evening.

**Trustee Beeson:**

Todd has not yet scheduled a meeting with the Soil & Water Division at Bricker Park. He wants to wait until the water has settled after Spring rains before Soil & Water views the lake and makes their recommendations.

Fire Department has removed equipment from the Records room and the rest of the items will be removed during the Scrap Drive in May.

Todd will pick up veteran flags on April 29<sup>th</sup> for veterans buried in our cemeteries.

**Trustee Stratton:**

Trustees met this morning with Green Township Trustees and a representative for paving materials to discuss paving material options for this year's paving projects.

Bunker Hill Ruritan Club has asked if the grader could be used by Goshen employees after all pulling events are complete (Sept-Oct) to prepare the track for winter. Trustees approved this.

Teresa noted that Rob Spencer's podium which was being stored in the Records room has been returned to Rob as he had requested.

Teresa has one estimate for sidewalk replacement, but it still awaiting a second estimate. The sidewalk replacement has been tabled until the next meeting.

Flooding on S.R. 534 (the old Garfield ditch) was discussed due to a request from an affected landowner. The culvert under the road is the state's responsibility, but homeowners are responsible for any ditches, creeks, etc. on their lands. Teresa will talk to the homeowner.

**Trustee McCracken:**

Bob suggested policy changes to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations regarding payment of grave opening fees at the time of burial. Most funeral homes are already doing so, but there have been instances of payment weeks after the burial. Todd will talk with the funeral home causing the issue.

Bob again discussed the idea of all employees taking random drug testing which will decrease our insurance rates and worker's comp rates. Chief McDaniel is in favor, but was concerned about having to send an officer out of the area with little notice, considering that many officers are part-time and some may be sleeping when notified to report. He would like to confer with the attorney that drafted the police policy manual before agreeing.

Regarding interior building repair:

- Most floors are replaced, except for restrooms near the gymnasium & Calko's office
- Some baseboards have been installed
- Ceiling tiles have been installed in all affected rooms
- Lighting has been replaced in all affected rooms

Bob has yet to meet with the County Engineer regarding sharing some areas of work. The county road department is currently on strike and Mr. Ginnetti has been pre-occupied.

A decision on the vendor to do roof repairs was tabled so that Trustees could clarify a few items on the quotes.

Discussion was held on the cost the Ruritans are incurring purchasing materials to make house address plates. It was decided to pay them an additional \$.50 for 1 sign and an additional \$1.00 for a double plate purchase.

The police department will be changing from Verizon cell phone to Sprint cell phones and will be saving approximately \$165.00 month, plus will get a \$2000.00 bonus for changing to Sprint. The road department will also now have walkie-talkie capability.

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**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00pm.

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

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Robert McCracken, Chairman

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Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairman

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Todd Beeson, Trustee

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Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer