

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**August 13, 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:**

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to approve the July 9, 2018 minutes as presented. All voted YES.

## **Approve Bills:**

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

Payroll	\$ 68,759.18
Warrants	\$ 7,348.55
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 31,254.00</u>
Total	\$ 107,361.73

All voted YES.

The July 2018 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by trustees.

## **Road Report:**

Randy reported that there were 1123 miles put on vehicles in July, 225 gallons of diesel and 59 gallons of gasoline were used. There was one burial.

Installed a 6" drain pipe from the downspouts to the new sidewalk area. Helped Rob Spencer with his pipe installation in the Smith-Goshen Road ditch, finished cutting the berm on Stratton Road, did some skim patching on Seacrist and Duck Creek roads, fixed holes on Malmsberry and Calla roads, cut berms on Smith-Goshen Road from S.R. 165 north.

Cut limbs in the Damascus Park, patched holes on the Ruritan driveway, crack sealed on north Seacrist Road, cleaned up cement from old sidewalk at the administration building, and fixed the catch basin on Mill Street in Garfield.

The big culvert on Smith Goshen Road needs replaced, approximately 40ft long, with a 42" diameter. Randy will get pricing and report back.

## **Fire Report:**

Fire Chief Derek Day sent in his July report. There were 21 fire runs and 17 – 13 in Goshen, 3 in Butler, 1 other, and the department held one inspection consultation.

## **Recycling Report:**

Paul stated that the amounts noted in the July minutes are what the vendor is going to charge us for tires and electronics recycling in September, not what the residents will be charged.

Paul and the trustees then established the resident pricing for tires and electronics which Paul will finalize on his flyer. A copy of the flyer will be posted on the township website.

Paul reminded us that the American flag at the Damascus Park is tattered and needs replaced. Bob has purchased a new flag and was waiting for the limbs on the tree to be trimmed before replacing the flag. Randy and Matt has just recently cut the limbs, so the flag can now be replaced.

**Police Report:**

Steve reported that in July, police handled 344 events and put 9845 miles on vehicles.

McCracken moved, seconded by Beeson, to accept the resignation of part-time officer Amir Khan, effective 08/17/2018. All voted YES.

Detective Matt Beck reported for Chief McDaniel on monthly detective activity – there were 11 new cases, 7 old cases were closed, and 7 remain open.

**Public Comment:**

Tom Rhodes reported that he has retired from the Damascus Fire Department after 43 years of service. Tom thanked residents for their allowing him to serve the department and noted that he will continue to assist the department with various projects, but will no longer be on call as a fireman or EMT.

**Trustee Beeson:**

Todd thanked Tom Rhodes for his years of service to the DFD and thanked Randy and Matt for their work on crack sealing roads in the township this summer.

Todd has started work on the Clean Ohio Grant application. He feels it would be beneficial to hire Steve Fender, Fender Fish Hatchery in Baltic, Ohio to provide consultation on pond improvements at the Bricker Park pond. The consultation will be used to determine an estimate for an grant application. Steve's cost is \$40/hr port-to-port from Baltic. Beeson moved, seconded by Stratton, to hire Mr. Fender, not to exceed \$250.00. All voted YES.

In addition to pond improvements, Beeson suggested including trail repairs to make the park more handicap accessible. Trail repair costs will also be included in the grant application.

There has been a request for use of the gazebo for a small wedding in October. Randy was asked to clean out bird nests in the cupola and place netting on the cupola to restrict birds from building nests there. He was also asked to clean up the floor prior to the wedding.

Bob suggested the trustees meet for a work session on the park and to review the display that is being put together for the Canfield Fair. No date was set, but the meeting will have to be before August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee Stratton:**

Teresa reported that Level Masonary laid the new sidewalk to the entrance of the administration building on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Updated pictures of the trustees, fiscal officer, recycling co-ordinator, and police chief will be taken by Lee Irey. Pictures have not been updated in over 10 years. Cost for pictures and digital copies will be \$45.00.

Discussion was held on the request to have a variance granted for the installation of a stone at the Jane Myton gravesite. Beeson moved, seconded by Stratton, to grant the variance on the pouring of the foundation and installation of the stone. All voted YES.

Teresa reported that the Spencer family is happy with the recent help from the road department with culvert installation in their ditch.

**Trustee McCracken:**

Franklin Cleaning completed the cleaning and waxing of floors in the Trustee's office and in the police wing the week of July 16-20.

Goshen has volunteered to help with the installation of the wall in the government building at the Canfield fairgrounds on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00am. Randy and Matt will assist Beaver, Berlin, and Green personnel on that project.

The grader will be used to grade the pulling track at the Bunker Hill Goshen Ruritan Park.

During the crack sealing project, one additional skid of crack seal had to be purchased to finish the project. Results seem to be good, but will be monitored over the next year to see how the material holds up to weather and wear.

The OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) grant is due on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Two grants will be submitted:

Pine Lake Road from Duck Creek Road to the curve (east)	\$ 22,825
Smith-Goshen from S.R. 165 north to Middletown Road	\$ 139,733

Bob is still trying to arrange work projects with the county engineer. This past month our road department borrowed two steel plates from the county while repairing catch basins.

Tom and Bob are still trying to set up a meeting with the county treasurer Dan Yemma and Debbie Flora of the Land Bank to discuss several property owners who are not paying their property taxes. While no meeting date has been set, Yemma reports that a couple owners on our list have paid all of their back taxes, some have been put on a payment schedule, some have been filed for foreclosure and will be forwarded to Sheriff's sale. There are some that owe small amounts, but have not paid for years, that are cost prohibitive to send for foreclosure. These are the ones that we want to address and make the land available for purchase to neighbors or for resale, so that taxes will be paid on the future.

Ford Motor Company will no longer be making the Ford Explorer and will not be taking orders for Explorers after September 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, three prices were presented:

Lebonan Ford	\$29,449.00	no trade	
Sarchione Ford	\$31,646.50,	less \$3,500 trade	= \$28,146.50
Fairway Ford	\$34,121.00	no trade	

After discussion, McCracken moved, seconded by Stratton, to purchase from Lebonan Ford, but will first check with Sarchione to see if they can match prices. All voted YES. If there is no trade, the Chevy Caprice will be sold by bid.

At an earlier work session, trustees did mid-year evaluations. As a result, Beeson moved, seconded by Stratton, to give the recycling co-ordinator a \$.25/hr raise effective Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Beeson	Yes	
Stratton	Yes	
McCracken	No	Motion passed.

Bob then discussed the idea of a single garbage hauler for the township. The Green Team will be moving to residential recycling pickup, eliminating large bin sites in the future. A single hauler would provide two bins, one for garbage, one for recyclable items. Using one hauler would reduce wear on the roads and might result in a cheaper price for residents. Bob will be attending a Green Team meeting on Tuesday and will get more information.

Our natural gas contract ended in November 2017. Pricing was: .416  
IGS is today quoting pricing as:

.466	1 year contract
.452	2 or 3 year contracts

NOPEC pricing for 2 years is .348

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to move to NOPEC for natural gas supplier. All voted YES.

**Adjournment:**

The next meeting scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to September 17<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the fiscal officer not being available from September 9 thru September 12.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Beeson, to adjourn at 8:30pm. 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