

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

September 17, 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 Beeson, to approve the August 13, 2018 minutes as presented. All voted YES.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 51,373.21
Warrants	\$ 4,069.60
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 21,603.75</u>
Total	\$ 77,046.56

All voted YES.

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

The Fiscal Officer attended a Rural Broadband Roundtable hosted by Congressman Bill Johnson, discussing obstacles to broadband access, how the public officials can work together with the private sector, and what is happening in Congress to address the nationwide problem of now access in many rural areas.

Needed: statistics of houses in an area with / without access – Postal Carriers could collect info.

AES Surveying of Boardman re-drew the cemetery map for Bunker Hill Cemetery, New Section. Unavailable areas were highlighted in colors: borders, hillside, tractor paths. Bob will also take a copy to the county map department to see if they also can do this map the same or better, then will consider re-drawing all of our cemetery and street maps.

Road Report:

Randy reported that there were 1088 miles put on vehicles in August, 244 gallons of diesel and 56 gallons of gasoline were used. There were two burials.

Applied six tons of blacktop, some on Calla Road, some around new catch basin at the Administration Building. Used two tons of dirt on the front yard between the new sidewalk and the new catch basin.

Crack sealed North Seacrist and Seacrist from S.R. 14 to Pine Lake Road and Duck Creek from Pine Lake Road to S.R. 165. Before Labor Day they started mowing ditches again.

Matt cut limbs at the shooting range and installed bird netting at the Bricker Park gazebo. Footers were dug at East Goshen Cemetery and the ditch on Smith-Goshen Road was dug out.

Pricing for the pipe needed for the big culvert on Smith Goshen Road is 50 feet at \$22.50 / ft. for a total of \$1125.00. Randy expects the road to be closed for only one day. McCracken moved, seconded by Stratton, to order the pipe so that the culvert can be fixed when time is available. All voted YES.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Derek Day sent in his August report. There were 22 fire runs and 19 EMT runs – 9 in Goshen, 8 in Butler, 2 other, and the department held two inspection consultations.

Derek reported that the cost to train and outfit a fireman is around \$5,000. Lately, most calls are being handled by the same personnel. He is implementing a call percentage requirement to be sure all members are participating.

Derek also asked that the county notify the fire department when there are road closings which block first responders from reaching their destination, causing them to turn around equipment and re-route, delaying emergency response time. Bob will contact the county to discuss this.

Recycling Report:

Paul reminded residents that the Customer Appreciation Day, Tire Drive, Electronics drive will be held this Saturday at the township garage on Seacrist Road. Information is available on the website.

Police Report:

The Chief reported that in August, police handled 343 events and put 6787 miles on vehicles.

Steve commented on the good response by residents on the Goshen display at the Canfield Fair and thanked Todd and Teresa for a job well done.

Per the Chief's recommendation, Beeson moved, seconded by Stratton, to hire Anthony Konders as a part-time patrolman, effective today, at a starting wage of \$12.50/hr. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Resident Rob Spencer thanked the road crew for their help in filling in his 450 feet of tile and making sure drainage was properly installed. He also thanked Teresa & Todd for the excellent fair display.

Resident Tom Rhodes asked the trustees to contact the county road department to have trees cut back at the Middletown/Stratton roads intersection. Visibility is affected and there could easily be an accident.

Resident Abe Bricker also thanked Teresa and Todd for the fair display.

Trustee Beeson:

Todd met with Steve Fender of Fender Fish Farm. Steve recommended a 20-foot windmill that will aerate the pond, removing the black sludge. He also made fish recommendations to populate the pond. Total project cost would be \$4,050.

Todd noted there are other grants available that will also address the trails at the park, but the process will be lengthy and work will not likely begin until next fall. Trustees also discussed doing some trail improvement yet this year.

Trustee Stratton:

Teresa thanked Randy and Matt for their help setting up the divider wall and setting up the Goshen display prior to the fair and for help removing the display after the fair was over.

Trustee McCracken:

Bob asked if Randy felt we should do more crack sealing this year. Some more could possibly be done in October. This will be discussed at the October 8th meeting.

Bob will make his project presentation tomorrow for the OPWC Smith-Goshen Road improvement.

Bob also thanked Teresa and Todd for their work on the fair display.

The single waste hauler idea for the township was again discussed. All townships in the county are experiencing too much trash being put in containers at unmanned sites. If the percentage of trash being dumped is not lowered, the county may lose their unmanned sites entirely. Local pick up would lower the percentage of trash mixed in with recyclables.

It was announced that “Coffee with a Cop” day is October 3rd, 10:00am – 2:00pm and SealMaster is having an open house on October 11th, 9:00am – 2:00pm.

The natural gas contract with NOPEC has been signed for a 24 month term at .357.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 7:00pm.

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

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairman

resigned

Todd Beeson, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer