

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**October 8, 2018**

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

Bob read a letter from Trustee Todd Beeson stating that he had resigned effective September 30, 2018 because he has just been approved for disability benefits as a result of injuries suffered in a 2016 accident and must submit his resignation on/before September 30<sup>th</sup>. McCracken moved, seconded by Stratton, to accept the resignation. Both voted YES.

## **Approve Minutes:**

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to approve the September 17, 2018 minutes as presented. Both voted YES.

The Trustees both thanked Todd for his 9 years on the board and for his years of service to the township as a patrolman and former police chief, wishing him well in the future.

## **Approve Bills:**

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

Payroll	\$ 56,393.39
Warrants	\$ 3,172.64
Electronic payments	\$ 74,409.35
Total	\$ 133,975.38

Both voted YES.

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

Resolution 2018-1008 increasing the Road and Bridge appropriation by \$4,000 to cover cost of increased fuel and diesel costs for the year. So moved to increase the appropriation by \$4,000 by Stratton, seconded by McCracken. Both voted YES.

Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission (Resolution 2018-1008a) and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Moved by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to accept. Both voted YES.

Resolution 2018-1008b requesting that the Mahoning County Engineer's office attend the PUCO hearing on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and recommend that school buses no longer be required to stop at railroad crossings that no longer have tracks crossing the highways. A stop where there is no stop sign and no railroad crossing endangers the children in the bus as following traffic may not be expecting such a stop by the buses. Goshen Trustees recommend the following crossings in Goshen Township become Exempt:

Smith-Goshen Road (Smith/Goshen Townships, Road 29	Crossing #502468U
Calla Road (Goshen Township) Road 30	Crossing #502469B

**Road Report:**

Randy reported that there were 1004 miles put on vehicles in September, 121 gallons of diesel and 42 gallons of gasoline were used. There was one burial.

Randy and Matt took down fair displays and moved the large wall dividing the room. Cemetery foundations were leveled with dirt, then seeded. Rototilled and seeded at Bricker Park around the Marion Bricker stone, cleaned up the gazebo at the park.

Skim patched on South Smith-Goshen Road, measured trails at Bricker Park for Todd, cleaned up trees and branches on township and county roads after the storm. Took down large tree on Seacrist Road, helped Smith Township with skim patching, cut brush and limbs hanging on roadway, sharpened brush hog and mower blades, graded dirt roads, helped Berlin Township with crack sealing, helped Ellsworth Township with crack sealing.

Cut the road on Smith-Goshen getting ready for the culvert pipe replacement. Worked on the lights on the Ford truck and the mowing trailer.

**Fire Report:**

Tom reported for Fire Chief Derek Day who did not attend. In September there were 27 fire runs and 23 EMT runs – 16 in Goshen, 6 in Butler, 1 other, and the department held one inspection.

**Recycling Report:**

Paul turned in \$52.55 from aluminum cans and reported on the Tire/Electronics/Customer Appreciation Day held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Collected were:

489 tires                      9446.5 lbs of electronics

Trees at Damascus Park need more trimming around the flag pole.

**Police Report:**

The Chief reported that in September, police handled 380 events and put 7,072 miles on vehicles.

“Coffee with a Cop” day was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00am – 2:00pm with approximately 50 persons in attendance.

Steve thanked Todd for his years of service and thanked the Fire Department for their help in cutting trees and limbs downed in the recent storm.

**Public Comment:**

Todd Beeson thanked the community for their support for the past 9 years and thanked the Trustees and Fiscal Officer for their support. Todd stated that he would be available to help in any way during the trustee transition and with anything in the future.

Tom Rhodes thanked Todd for his work with the township as a fireman, police officer, and Trustee over many years.

**Trustee Stratton:**

Teresa thanked Paul Manypenny and Salem News reporter Kevin Howell for their articles on the Tire/Electronics/Customer Appreciation Day.

**Trustee McCracken:**

The Schoolhouse Stitchers would like to use the gym on Oct. 18/19/20 and again on May 16/17/18 for a Quilters Rummage Sale. Trustees asked for a donation as opposed to charging them for the use of the gym. Moved by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to allow both requested dates for the sale. Both voted YES.

Pat Sweeney from the Mahoning County Board of Health would like to use our meeting room on Tuesday, November 27 from 7-8pm. Both Trustees voted to approve his usage.

Bob reminded us that the Seal Master open house will be October 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-2:00.

At 7:20pm Bob moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the four candidates who would like to be appointed to Todd Beeson’s position on the Board. Seconded by Stratton. Both voted YES. The Fiscal Officer was invited to attend.

At 7:35pm, Bob reopened the meeting after returning from Executive Session where candidates for Beeson’s position were discussed.

It was decided that the two remaining Trustees will hold a Executive Work Session on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and again on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm to discuss and make a decision.

On Monday, October 22 at 7:00pm there will be a Special Township meeting where the chosen candidate will be announced.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded Stratton, to adjourn at 7:40pm. Both voted YES.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 7:00pm.

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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