Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

Feb. 11, 2019

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

Approve Minutes:

Minutes of 2018 Year-end meeting were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Minutes of the 2019 Reorganizational meeting of Jan. 14, 2019 were presented. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Spencer, to approve these minutes with one modification: Road Department Seasonal Employees will be paid $13.00/hr. All voted YES.

Approve Bills:

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

- Payroll $65,861.11
- Warrants $10,772.44
- Electronic payments $39,419.70
- Total $116,053.25

All voted YES.

The January 2019 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by Trustees.

The January credit card statement was reviewed by the Trustee Chairman.

A revised credit card policy was presented to the Trustees. This better meets the requirements of House Bill 312 Amendments. Cardholders will be required to sign this new policy. Motion to accept this policy by McCracken, seconded by Spencer. All voted YES. Trustees signed the new policy. (Resolution 2019-0211a)

Road Report:

Matt Springer reported that there were 3,879 miles put on vehicles in January, 663 gallons of diesel and 67 gallons of gasoline were used, 98 tons of salt/grit were spread, and there were no burials. Six tons of limestone and 80 tons of grindings were also spread. Roads have been plowed or salted a total of 13 days in January, several times doing it 2-3 times in one day.

Workers hauled 60 tons of #9 grit and had delivered 125 tons of salt, hauled 80 tons of grindings from the county and placed them on Smith-Goshen Road, made repairs on trucks, had 3 garage doors installed on the recycling building, finished quotes on electric for the building, and are working on quotes for insulation for the building.

All ordered salt has been delivered (a total of 225 tons).
Matt presented quotes to install electric service in the newly enclosed recycling building, including receptacles, switches, breakers, and power to the garage door openers.

Quotes are:

- Teney Services $1,660.00
- Neiheisel Electric $1,850.00
- Carnation Electric $2,632.00
- David Electric $2,100.00

The township will purchase and install lights after wiring is done. Stratton moved, seconded by Spencer, to accept the Teney Services bid. All voted YES.

Matt also had talked with Boak Insulation and USA Insulation about foam insulation and blown insulation options. A decision on insulation was tabled.

**Fire Report:**

Fire Chief Derek Day reported that in January 2019 there were 17 fire runs and 29 EMS runs - 20 in Goshen, 8 in Butler, 1 others.

The Chief also reported the January Fire & EMS call log.

**Recycling:**

Nothing this month.

**Police Report:**

In January 2019 there were 7,564 miles put on vehicles and handled 526 events.

Full-time officer Eric Buday has submitted his resignation, effective 02/02/2019. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Spencer, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

Per the Chief’s recommendation, move part-time office Justin Foster to full-time effective 02/17/2019 at $16.15/hr. So moved by Stratton, seconded by McCracken. All voted YES.

Also, per the Chief’s recommendation, move Matt Beck to Sergeant, effective 02/17/2019 at $19.15/hr. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Stratton. All voted YES.

The Chief introduced Gina Cackovic and asked she be hired as a part-time officer effective 02/17/2019 at $12.50/hr. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Stratton. All voted YES.

Officers Isaiha Thomas and Troy Mackall were presented commendations for their efforts in securing overnight lodging for a homeless person on a bitten winter evening. They even paid for one night’s lodging from their own pockets.

The new Ford Explorer (Car #2) is now in service.
Public Comment:

Tom Rhodes announced that the Fire Department will again this year be hosting a Casino Race Night at BoneShakers in Salem starting at 6:00pm. Last year’s race was so successful that tickets are already sold out.

Trustee Spencer:

A veteran’s luncheon will be held in the Youngstown area on March 19th from 11:00-1:00pm Rob made flyers available to anyone interested.

Trustee Stratton:

Teresa noted that Northfolk Lumber is interested in logging behind the police shooting range. Resident Larry Wallace has been involved with this request and has ok’ed the effect it would have on his driveway and access to the shooting range. Police Chief McDaniel has some concerns at to the effect on the shooting range and specifically damage that might be done on the driveway and lawn areas.

After discussion, this request was tabled until more quotes can be obtained,

Trustee McCracken:

Trustees signed the 2019 contract with the Damascus Fire Department which they had been reviewing and changing since the January meeting. DFD Trustee President Jared Myers took the papers to be reviewed and signed by the DFD.

The drug free workplace policy and the employee policy manual updates were tabled until the March meeting.

Trustees signed a resolution requesting the Mahoning County Board of Commissioners to select NOPEC to supply Mahoning County’s electricity aggregation program. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Stratton. All voted YES. (Resolution 2019-0211b)

Bob reported that the Mahoning County Emergency Management Agency has completed the required five-year update to the Mahoning County 2018 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The updated plan is available from the Mahoning County EMA office. Trustees moved to accept the plan. (Resolution 2019-0211c)

Through a NOPEC event sponsorship program, Goshen has been awarded $250.00 in 2018 and another $1350.00 in 2019. One suggested usage of this event money would be another “Coffee with a Cop” event like the one held in 2018.

The West Branch-Sebring Hot Stove League has asked to use the ball field behind the Administration building again this year. Trustees approved this request.

The annual County Engineer’s meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26th from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Matt Springer has been invited to also attend this year.
Bob will again ask the Mahoning County Health Board to look at the Hiram Diaz property on Calla Road after numerous complaints from the neighbors and township police department.

Armstrong Cable has announced another rate increase that will be effective in March 2019.

Bob, Teresa, and Tom attended the annual Ohio Township Association meeting in Columbus at the end of January. There were many educational classes and a large trade show, plus lots of networking with other Trustee and Fiscal Officers.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded by Stratton, to adjourn at 8:25pm. All voted YES.

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Robert McCracken, Chairman   Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairman

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Robert Spencer, Trustee       Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer