

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**February 10, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Trustees Teresa Stratton, John Bricker, Shawn Mesler, and Fiscal Officer Tom Knoedler were present.

## **Approve Minutes:**

Motion by Stratton, seconded by Bricker, to approve the Year End 2019 minutes of January 6th as distributed. All voted YES

Motion by Stratton, seconded by Bricker, to approve the 2020 Reorganizational minutes of January 6th as distributed. All voted YES

## **Approve Bills:**

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

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| Payroll             | \$ 74,515.97        |
| Warrants            | \$ 13,639.79        |
| Electronic payments | <u>\$ 68,190.51</u> |
| Total               | \$ 156,346.27       |

All voted YES.

The January bank statement is in balance.

The January credit card statement was reviewed by Trustee Stratton.

The hosting services at Network Solutions is due to expire in April.

Best pricing is for a two-year agreement for hosting services, e-mail accounts, and domain name (goshentownship.com & goshenpd.com) registration.

Trustees agreed to purchase the two-year agreement.

The General Fund has no money available to pay bills, due to the way one of the one-year CD's was added. Tom is working with the Auditor of State to get this CD registered correctly in the UAN software. If this is not accomplished, the one-year CD will need to be closed and designated back to the General Fund.

In discussing the bank accounts with Bobbi Harding at Farmer's Bank, she recommended that we install their FRAUD PROTECTION BUNDLE. This would require every vendor we use to be authorized one time before the system would pay the presented check. Currently, if a fraudulent check is presented and paid, Goshen has only 1 day to reject this payment. This would require the FO to manually check payments every day to check fraudulent payments. If not caught in one day, the payment is made. The township could be defrauded \$100,000 or more if that fraud check is not caught in time. Monthly cost for this bundle is only \$30.00/month.

Bricker moved, seconded by Mesler, to purchase the protection. All voted YES.

Tom reported on his OTA Convention classes. Areas for review by the trustees in 2020 include: the number of burials on one lot & small cell / 5G / internet

**Road Report:**

Matt Springer reported that there were 1186 miles put on vehicles in January, 211 gallons of diesel and 66 gallons of gasoline were used, and there were no burials.

There were seven weather events. They used 30 tons of salt and 10 tons of grit. Employees worked on equipment painting, the mowing trailer, and building a box for the mowing trailer to put equipment in. Randy repaired and painted the road broom.

Washouts on the south end of Malmsberry Rd. have been filled with cement and the ditch was cleaned. Matt would like to thank the Lippiatt family and Martig Farms for the cement.

Matt and Randy are working to keep pot holes filled with cold patch and in the spring will follow up with hot mix.

Matt reported that the township can request a JAKE BRAKE restriction in Damascus by making a resolution and filing with ODOT, but recommended contacting Butler Twp. Trustees for their additional support as the area affected spans both counties/townships.

**Fire Report:**

April Thorne reported for Chief Derek Day that in January there were 10 fire runs and 20 EMS runs – 13 in Goshen, 6 in Butler and 1 other.

There were no inspections this month. The Chief also submitted the January Fire & EMS call log.

The “Night at the Races” fund raiser will be held on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Recycling:**

Paul reported there will be a Green Team meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Canfield Twp. hall. Goshen’s annual scrap drive will be held May 9 – 16 at the township garage.

Our annual tire drive and customer appreciation day will be Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>. The county electronics drive will be in June at the Canfield Fairgrounds, but Paul feels Goshen should continue their own electronics drive as our residents are used to this annual event.

**Police Report:**

In January 2020 there were 7,735 miles put on vehicles and police handled 657 events.

The department passed the January 30<sup>th</sup> audit on the evidence room.

The Police Policy manual for 2020 has been updated.

The Police 2019 inventory has been completed and turned in to the Trustees.

**Public Comment:**

Abe Bricker thanked Matt and Randy for picking limbs and clearing the walking paths at Bricker Park and suggested more timber may be available for harvesting this year or next. He also discussed the fire department being short-handed causing a longer or possibly no response time for ambulance calls.

Resident Tom Rhodes had questions about the scrap drive.

**Trustee Mesler:**

Shawn discussed his attendance at the OTA convention in Columbus, gave an update on the Small Government Project grant for Smith-Goshen Road, and noted that the Sebring-West Branch Hot Stove league wants to use the baseball field this spring and wants to use the gym for two months for indoor practices. Trustees will be establishing rental pricing for this longer rental period.

Smith-Goshen Road is flooding with water sitting on the roadway. The problem is a blocked culvert that will eventually be replaced when the Small Government Project grant is approved. This is an immediate safety problem. Matt does not want to install new culvert pipe at the wrong height for the eventual ditch grading project and have new culvert pipe damaged when the proper height is later determined. Shawn has found used well casing available at Green Meadows that can be used on a temporary basis. Matt will use that pipe to fix the drainage problem tomorrow.

**Trustee Bricker:**

John discussed his attendance at the OTA convention.

He announced a price increase for customers of Armstrong internet and cable services. Armstrong customers should have already received new pricing in their mail.

Trustees signed the 2019 Township Highway System Mileage Certification at 19.525 miles.

John also noted rumors that Bricker Park is for sale. He stated the park is NOT for sale.

Trustees then discussed installing or replacing driveway culverts for residents. Matt noted that he has eight people that have asked him for this service. His concern is that if each resident buys their own pipe, each pipe could be from a different vendor, making connection problems at a later date (as on Danbury Drive this past year).

Bricker moved, seconded by Mesler, to adopt a Culvert Replacement and Installation policy stating rules and making the Road Foreman as supervisor of this work.

**Trustee Stratton:**

Teresa also discussed her attendance at the OTA convention, the upcoming OTARMA renewal, and a NOPEC grant for \$6,958 for energy improvement.

Two new house numbers were given out in the past two months – one to the new FAMILY DOLLAR store that will be built at the corner of SR14 and SR534.

**Adjournment:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Mrs. Stratton moved, seconded by Mr. Mesler, to adjourn at 8:15pm. All voted YES.

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Teresa Stratton, Chairman

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John Bricker, Vice Chairman

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Shawn Mesler, Trustee

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Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer