

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

September 9, 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:

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to approve the minutes of August 12th regular meeting as distributed. All voted YES

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 62,294.56
Warrants	\$ 6,669.07
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 89,455.31</u>
Total	\$ 158,418.94

All voted YES.

The August 2019 bank statements are in balance.

The August credit card statement was reviewed by Trustee McCracken.

Two one-year CDARS and one two-year CDARS will be coming due on September 19th.

A bank representative noted that interest rates appear to be falling, so Tom recommended that \$208,000 be moved to a FNB 2-year CD @ 2.10% and that \$203,000 be moved to two one-year FNB CD's (\$101,500 each) @ 2.15%. If money is needed, a CD can be cashed for a penalty, but for the past two years the CDARS have not been touched, nor needed. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Spencer, to do this. All voted YES.

Road Report:

Matt Springer reported that there were 1393 miles put on vehicles in August, 326 gallons of diesel and 54 gallons of gasoline were used, and there was one burial. In August, the crew hauled 166 tons of asphalt, started repairing roads with 448 hot mix asphalt, built the fair display, took delivery of the new equipment trailer, and paved the shooting range road.

The second foundation contractor has installed the single foundation at Bunker Hill cemetery.

Fire Report:

Michael Thorne reported for Chief Day that in August 2019 there were 11 fire runs and 29 EMS runs – 17 in Goshen, 9 in Butler and 3 other. There were no inspections in August. The Chief also submitted the August Fire & EMS call log.

Michael also stated that the department cannot and will not enter homes that have not been secured by law enforcement. This is in response to negative rumors started when fire personnel would not respond to a situation involving a firearm in a home until the Columbiana County Sheriff's office arrived and cleared the home for entry.

Recycling:

The September tire drive, electronics drive, and Customer Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, September 21st.

Police Report:

In August 2019 there were 8,036 miles put on vehicles and police handled 389 events.

Officer Steve Stanton has resigned effective 08/19/2019. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

The department will hold a “Coffee with a Cop” on October 2nd, 10:00am-2:00pm

Public Comment:

Resident Abe Bricker questioned why the township is investing money instead of spending it on road resurfacing or paying higher wages to the road / police to better keep personnel. Mr. McCracken explained the money being invested is carry over balance from a variety of accounts (Police, Lighting, Cemetery, etc). The Fiscal Officer also noted that money must be carried over each year to pay 1st quarter bills and payroll until the real estate money comes from the County Auditor in the March-April time frame.

Trustee Spencer:

Rob noted that there is a large tree in the NW corner of the township garage yard that needs to come down. It is too large for Matt and Randy to take down and could damage the septic lines if felled on the yard. He presented two quotes to have the tree removed and debris cleaned up.

Baird’s Tree Service	\$2,150.00
Pilolli Land & Tree Maintenance LLC	\$ 800.00
Neither bid includes stump grinding.	

Mr. Spencer moved, seconded by Mrs. Stratton, to hire Pilollil Land & Tree. All voted YES.

Trustee Stratton:

Teresa thanked Matt for his help in getting the cemetery grant request submitted on time, for getting the Goshen Center Ruritan track graded, and for his work designing and painting the fair display. There were many nice comments about this year’s fair display.

Teresa has taken pictures on the Meissner property in Damascus and submitted those to the Board of Health for help in getting the property cleaned up.

Trustee McCracken:

Bob will be making a verbal presentation on September 17th for the OPWC grant for work on Smith-Goshen Road.

The Mahoning County Prosecutor’s training session will be held on Wednesday, September 18th here. Tom, Teresa, Rob, and Audrey Fox (Smith Twp FO) will attend.

Tom would like to purchase the second basketball backboard and hoop that has been for sale for several years. McCracken moved, seconded by Stratton, to sell the equipment for \$25.00. All voted YES.

The record retention update was discussed. Bob has contacted the county prosecutor's office for suggestions on how to proceed. He will follow up and report back at the next meeting.

Bob would like to schedule a meeting with property owners at French St. and 4th Street and with Matt for early October to discuss the installation of drainage and costs for homeowners. Matt will try to schedule for October 2nd, time to be decided.

Tom has not received the signed SRO contract from West Branch which should have been signed by WB Board last month. Tom will follow up trying to locate the contract.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded by Spencer, to adjourn at 7:55pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairman

Robert Spencer, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer