

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**November 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.

Bob welcomed the two newly elected Trustees in the audience.

## **Approve Minutes:**

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to approve the minutes of October 14th regular meeting as distributed. All voted YES

## **Approve Bills:**

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

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| Payroll             | \$ 57,639.75  |
| Warrants            | \$ 22,974.27  |
| Electronic payments | \$ 23,893.50  |
| Total               | \$ 104,507.52 |

All voted YES.

Both the September and October bank statements are now in balance.

The October credit card statement was reviewed by Trustee McCracken.

The Fiscal Officer needs to increase the appropriations for 2021 Road Tax to pay additional road maintenance bills and 2111 Fire District to be able to pay the Fire Department an additional \$14,000 this year. Moved by McCracken, seconded by Stratton. (Resolution 2019-1111a)  
All voted YES.

## **Road Report:**

Matt Springer reported that there were 1,281 miles put on vehicles in October, 328 gallons of diesel and 54 gallons of gasoline were used, and there were no burials. In October, Kent Road was crack sealed and the employees helped Smith and Beaver townships finish patching their roads. Randy finished mowing road sides again.

Worked on the new building, installed the heater and are waiting for the gas line to be connected. Matt would like to thank Ted Biery for the use of his lift and for helping to get the heater hung from the ceiling. Moved the air compressor from the old building to the new shop and priced a new Xmark 60" rear discharge mower for the cemeteries at \$9100 (state bid). Looked at Simplicity, but they don't offer a rear discharge unit.

The drainage problem at 4<sup>th</sup> Street/French Street was discussed. Matt is waiting on the County to investigate where the lines run.

**Fire Report:**

Chief Day reported that in October there were 17 fire runs and 26 EMS runs – 20 in Goshen, 5 in Butler and 1 other. There were two inspections and 1 consultation. The Chief also submitted the October Fire & EMS call log.

**Recycling:**

Paul talked to Broadway Iron & Metal about the small amount of money received from our recent scrap metal bin collection. Broadway gave Paul another \$54.00 to supplement what was paid on the metal in the bin.

**Police Report:**

In October 2019 there were 8,560 miles put on vehicles and police handled 422 events.

The department has completed “Bias Based Policing” training and submitted figures for the first half of 2019.

Brian Moore has submitted his resignation, effective today. McCracken moved, seconded by Spencer, to accept this resignation. All voted YES.

**Public Comment:**

Residents Abe Bricker and Tom Rhodes both thanked veterans for their service to the country and congratulated newly elected Trustees present in the audience. Abe also went on to thank Trustee Spencer for his years of service as a township trustee and his work in acquiring the sewer grant for Damascus in years past.

**Trustee Spencer:**

Rob congratulated newly elected Trustees John Bricker and Shawn Mesler.

**Trustee Stratton:**

Teresa also congratulated the trustees-elect, met with the Pifer family regarding some of their properties in Damascus that need attention, talked with Bill Meissner about vehicles and tires stored at the former service station. and assigned a house address to a property on State Route 14.

**Trustee McCracken:**

Indigent Burials: The Fiscal Officer has provided information about indigent burials for the Trustees to read over this month. Matt and Tom discussed creating an indigent burial site in one of our cemeteries. To the best of these Trustees, and after checking with one former Trustee, no one can ever remember the need to bury an indigent for over 40 years. After discussion, Bob moved, seconded by Stratton, to designate East Goshen New, Lot 60 N1 as that burial location – Resolution 2019-1111b. All voted YES.

The Prosecutor's office sent a notice that liquor permits within the township will be renewed in February if the township has no objections. Trustees had no problem with automatic renewals of those license locations in Goshen Township.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has ruled that school buses and hazardous material vehicles no longer have to stop at crossings where there is no longer any train traffic. This effects crossings on Smith-Goshen Road and State Route 14.

Bob noted that he is awaiting transfer of three tax delinquent properties adjacent to the Owen property in Garfield to the township. When paperwork is complete, the vacant house will be torn down and the property sold.

The OPWC grant winners will be announced tomorrow (Tues, Nov. 12).

Goshen Trustees need to meet with Damascus Fire Department trustees to discuss the 2020 contract. Fire personnel that were present at this meeting will schedule that meeting.

Bob has filed for re-election to the NOPEC board as the Mahoning County representative for another two years. Bob will have to join MCTA as an associate member in 2020. The NOPEC meeting/election will be held on Tuesday.

There will be a paving preservation class held in Aurora on December 5<sup>th</sup>. It was recommended that Teresa and Matt Springer attend.

LaFarge has announced a 6% increase on their products in 2020.

The next CDGB meeting will be held this Thursday. Bob has regularly attended these meetings. Teresa will attend in his place and get familiar with CDGB.

Tom and the trustees will be working on 2020 budget and have them ready for approval at our December meeting.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded by Spencer, to adjourn at 7:40pm. All voted YES.

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Robert McCracken, Chairman

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Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairman

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Robert Spencer, Trustee

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Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer