

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

December 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 November 11th regular meeting as distributed. All voted YES

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 59,645.77
Warrants	\$ 4,120.00
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 27,648.00</u>
Total	\$ 104,507.52

All voted YES.

The November bank statements are not yet in balance.

The November credit card statement was reviewed by Trustee McCracken.

Two burial lots were sold in East Goshen Old and two lots in Bunker Hill.

Trustees need to sign the Certificates of Ownership for Ground Interment Rights.

Bob is currently on the Records Commission which meets at the first of the year.

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Spencer, to appoint Teresa Stratton to replace Mr. McCracken in 2020. Bob and Rob voted YES, Teresa abstained.

Tom submitted the 2020 budget which has been reviewed by the Trustees for approval.

McCracken moved, seconded by Spencer, to approve this budget. All voted YES.

Road Report:

Matt Springer reported that there were 969 miles put on vehicles in November, 169 gallons of diesel and 45 gallons of gasoline were used, and there were no burials.

There were two weather events (salting or plowing). On the Fourth Street draining project, they hooked a downspout into the First Street storm drain and had the county jet and clean the pipe along First Street.

The heater is hung up and is running in the new building. Trucks have been set up for winter. Randy mowed brush back on township roads. Matt worked on quotes for Toro and Exmark mowers. Only Toro and Exmark offer rear discharge and only at 60" width, not 52" as requested. Ferris and Simplicity offer a 52" side discharge with a mulching capability. The Toro bid exceeded the budget amount allowed.

After discussion Spencer moved, seconded by McCracken, to purchase the Ferris FS2100 commercial zero-turn mower from Agnew Lawn & Garden for \$8,416.18. All voted YES.

Discussion then turned to proposed roller for the roads. Purchasing one in 2019 would cost \$18,000. If we wait until 2020, with cost increases, it will be about \$4,000 more. Spencer moved, seconded by Stratton, to contact Southeastern Equipment to lock in this year's pricing and have it delivered this year, with the invoice to be paid in early January 2020. All voted YES (Resolution 2019-1209a).

Matt and Trustee-elect Mesler attended the pavement preservation class on Dec. 5th in Aurora.

Matt thanked both Rob and Bob for their years of service to the community and for help given to him and his department and wished them well as they leave the board.

Matt and Randy will be completing the drainage project between Fourth Street and the brick alley on Friday, weather permitting. Homeowners will then be billed for their costs in the project.

Fire Report:

Shawn Mesler reported for Chief Day that in November there were 16 fire runs and 26 EMS runs – 21 in Goshen, 4 in Butler and 1 other. There were two inspections this month – the new Remember When site and the new Dollar General store. The Chief also submitted the November Fire & EMS call log.

Recycling:

Paul announced that he will be accepting live Christmas trees from December 26th through the end of January.

Funding for the Tire Drive and the Appliance Drive has been approved by the Green Team. This year, all electronics collections will be conducted by the Green Team at the Canfield fair grounds in June. As Goshen has held an electronics drive for many years, Paul will look into the feasibility of still holding one here at our recycling site. More details later.

Police Report:

In November 2019 there were 7,505 miles put on vehicles and police handled 509 events.

Gina Cackovic has submitted her resignation, effective December 16. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to accept this resignation. All voted YES.

Per the Chief's recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Spencer, to promote part-time officer James Dubiel to full-time, effective January 5, 2020. All voted YES.

Towing contracts for 2020 are the same as 2019 with the same five companies. Steve recommended limiting towing companies to five. If one company drops out, then another will be considered. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Spencer, to accept the 2020 towing contract and five towing companies. All voted YES.

Public Comment:

Abe Bricker mentioned that Millie Mather, the oldest known resident of Goshen Township, will be turning 99 on Wednesday. He also noted that both Bob and Rob are responsible for getting this administration building from the school district during their past terms in office. He thanked them for their service.

Tom Rhodes wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Ron Craig thanked Rob for his numerous years service to the community and for filling in for Todd Beeson the past fourteen months and he thanked Bob for his 20 years service as a township trustee.

Trustee Spencer:

Rob thanked Bob for his service to the community over the years and for recommending him back for the past 14 months.

Trustee Stratton:

Teresa also thanked both outgoing trustees for their service and for helping her to get adjusted as a new trustee.

Bill Meissner has taken down the hanging spouting at the service station and is trying to help his father get the garage cleaned up. Bob mentioned that there is a grant available to property owners to remove tires left by prior tenants at a property. There must be over 100 tires to qualify. Teresa will let Bill know the details of the grant,

Trustee McCracken:

Bob thanked the voters for electing him and supporting him for many terms.

Dominion Energy has announced that they are applying for a rate increase for services, probably in the February timeframe. Users of Dominion Energy will be notified directly.

A representative of KLA Risk Consulting (OTARMA) was in last week to review our insurance coverage. Several recommendations were made:

Certificate of Liability – Goshen has entered into “Faithful Performance Coverage” which replaces bonds on Trustees and the Fiscal Officer. It also covers the road foreman and private vehicle coverage when attending a township function.

Resolution 2019-1209b

Hold harmless agreement with contractors

Sharing equipment with other townships

Weekly inspection of the parks

A township resident has asked for help in getting a “Jake Brake” sign placed in Damascus. Matt will follow up with ODOT.

The properties adjacent to the Heidi Owen property in Garfield have been put on a delinquent tax payment program, thereby eliminating the ability to have those properties turned over to Goshen Township, thereby almost eliminating the sale of and demolition of the Owen property should Goshen accept the property and pay for the demolition. Therefore, this item has been tabled. McCracken moved, seconded by Stratton, to dissolve Resolution 2019-0708 that was to proceed with the cleanup of the property. All voted YES.

Goshen did not qualify for the OPWC grant, but OPWC will forward to a Small Government Project grant for consideration for Smith-Goshen Road. Trustees will need to sign a resolution as soon as Bob gets the wording. McCracken moved, seconded by Stratton, to sign this resolution. All voted YES.

Bob presented three quotes for a new 2020 Ford Utility SUV:

	Sarchione Ford	Fairway Ford	Lebonon Ford
Base price	38,146.50	37,805.00	36,684.00
Trade-in (2016 Ford Taurus)	<u>- 4,500.00</u>	<u>- 4,850.00</u>	<u>- 3,500.00</u>
Net price	33,646.50	32,955.00	33,184.00

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Spencer, to order from Fairway Ford. All voted YES.

The Damascus Fire Department Trustees met with the Trustees and approved the 2020 fire contract. Nothing changed but the dates of coverage and the amount estimated by the county auditor. The Fire Department signed prior to the meeting, the Trustees signed at this meeting.

NOPEC reported that Goshen Township has 671 electric accounts and 265 gas accounts participating with them and \$1350 in grant dollars and \$250 in sponsorship dollars have been sent to our township.

Adjournment:

The 2019 Year-End meeting and the 2020 Reorganizational meetings will be held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Fiscal Officer Tom Knoedler thanked Mr. Spencer for coming back on the board for the past 14 months and for his prior years of service and thanked Bob for his 20 years on the board, noting he has enjoyed working with both on many projects for the past 12 years.

With no further business to conduct, Mr. McCracken moved, seconded by Mrs. Stratton, to adjourn at 8:07pm. All voted YES.

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairman

Robert Spencer, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer