

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

August 12, 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 Spencer, to approve the minutes of July 8th regular meeting and the minutes of the July 31st special meeting as distributed. All voted YES

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 74,475.23
Warrants	\$ 9,064.47
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 20,831.29</u>
Total	\$ 104,370.99

All voted YES.

The June and July 2019 bank statements are in balance.
The July credit card statement was reviewed by Trustee McCracken.

Road Report:

Matt Springer reported that there were 1572 miles put on vehicles in July, 232 gallons of diesel and 80 gallons of gasoline were used, and there were no burials.

In July, the crew hauled 2 tons of asphalt grindings and 2 tons of HPM cold patch, mowed roadsides, cleaned ditch North of Duck Creek Rd., patched holes, cut up trees that were down in Bricker Park, replaced a driveway culvert on Seacrist Rd., painted the inside of the building, and helped Beaver Township and Smith Township patch roads. In August, Beaver and Smith crews will be assisting Goshen with road pavings.

Tenny Electric finished all electrical work in the garage.
Slag has been ordered and is to start being delivered tomorrow.

Per Matt's recommendation, Spencer moved, seconded by Stratton, to hire a second foundation contractor. Matt is having delays in getting only one foundation poured. All voted YES.

Fire Report:

Sean Mesler reported for Chief Day that in July 2019 there were 26 fire runs and 25 EMS runs – 17 in Goshen, 5 in Butler and 3 other. There was one inspection consult. The Chief also submitted the July Fire & EMS call log.

Recycling:

Nothing this month, but flyers will be ready soon for the September tire drive, electronics drive, and Customer Appreciation Day.

Police Report:

In July 2019 there were 7,881 miles put on vehicles and police handled 569 events.

The Chief submitted Ryan Connolly's resignation, effective 07/13/2019. He is now working full-time with Perry Township. So moved by McCracken, seconded by Stratton. All voted YES.

Steve then introduced Nikolas Pacifico, a YSU graduate, for part-time patrolman, effective 08/18/2019. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Spencer, to hire Nick. All voted YES.

Steve also noted that Goshen Township Police Department is now certified by the State of Ohio with a Provisional Certificate for their policies for:

Use of Force Recruitment and Hiring
Community Engagement Body Worn Cameras

Now record retention needs to be updated.

Steve was then excused to go to the Beloit Council meeting.

Public Comment:

None.

Trustee Spencer:

Nothing new that won't be addressed on McCracken's agenda list.

Trustee Stratton:

Nothing new that won't be addressed on McCracken's agenda list.

Trustee McCracken:

Goshen Ruritans have asked to have the tractor pull track crowned prior to winter. Trustees approved Matt to do this job at his convenience after the roads are chip & sealed.

The cemetery grant is nearly complete. Teresa, Matt, and Tom will get this submitted before the deadline of August 14th.

Trustees reviewed the final Solid Waste Management plan. McCracken moved, seconded by Stratton, to approve and send to Lou Vega. All voted YES.

The repairs to the gymnasium roof were discussed. One quote from Allied Commercial Roofing Services, LTD was received. This will seal off the window and areas where birds are entering the building. Quote was for \$3,275.00. The owner is a township resident, approved for OSHA specs, and has done work on the police wing roof. Moved by McCracken, seconded by Spencer, to hire Allied for quoted work. All voted YES.

Matt has purchased materials to build the new fair display and will be working on that display this and next week. Trustees agreed to purchase GREEN paint to paint the board.

Bob noted that the county has announced roads that will be paved in the township:

Western Reserve from Duck Creek to Huxley Road

Middletown Road from S.R. 14 to S.R. 534.

Pine Lake Road from Smith-Goshen to S.R. 534

Pine Lake Road from Goshen Road to S.R. 45

The School Resource Officer contract with West Branch Local School District for 2 years – Sept. 1, 2019 thru Aug. 31, 2021 - was discussed. Motion by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to sign this 2 year contract for \$20,000 per year. All voted YES.

The Heidi Owen property in Garfield that was to be signed over to Goshen Township has erroneously been put on the Sheriff Sale list for October 1st, due to the Prosecutor's writeup. If it doesn't sell at Sheriff's sale, it will go to the State of Ohio, then to the Mahoning Land Bank, and then will be transferred to Goshen Township. Resolution 2019-0708 will remain on HOLD until then.

Public nuisance properties were discussed. There is nothing new to report on the old properties. Bob suggested we begin proceedings on the Meissner Garage property in Damascus. Teresa will take pictures and try to discuss with Mr. Sonny Meissner.

Regarding the OPWC grant on Smith-Goshen Road, Bob will be adding the ditch draining quote from Sweet Meadow Farm Drainage (\$29,393) to the grant request. Motion by Stratton, seconded by Spencer, to authorize Trustee Chairman McCracken to prepare and submit the OPWC grant. Stratton – YES, Spencer – YES, McCracken – Abstain. Motion passed. The Fiscal Officer will certify that there will be \$78,303.00 available in 2020 for the township's amount of matching funds.

Matt Springer estimates the \$1200 will be needed for materials to install a new ditch in Damascus, between the brick alley off French Street to Fourth St. To date, five families are interested in connecting on to this new drain and are willing to contribute to the cost.

Bob cannot commit to the Prosecutor's training session on Wed. August 14th due to being called for jury duty that week. Tom declined but will try for a second training session at a later date that can be attended with Bob.

Adjournment:

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

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

Robert McCracken, Chairman

Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairman

Robert Spencer, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer