

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**Mar. 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.

Before the meeting began, Steve McDaniel and Green Fire Chief Todd Baird presented a Life Saver Certificate to Ron Mumpire for his assistance in trying to remove a person trapped in farm equipment that was next to a burning barn. Both Ron and Chief McDaniel were unable to remove the victim from the skid loader, inhaled black smoke, and were in intense heat, but prevented his death. Green firefighters were eventually able to get him out and to the hospital. The farmer is still recovering from burns in a hospital burn unit. Mr. Mumpire was not a firefighter, but stopped at the scene and risked his life to help a fellow resident.

## **Approve Minutes:**

Motion by McCracken, seconded by Stratton, to approve the minutes of February 11<sup>th</sup> as distributed. All voted YES.

## **Approve Bills:**

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

Payroll	\$ 55,881.77
Warrants	\$ 1,735.88
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 32,973.43</u>
Total	\$ 90,591.08

All voted YES.

The February 2019 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by Trustees.

The February credit card statement was reviewed by the Trustee McCracken.

## **Road Report:**

Matt Springer reported that there were 1554 miles put on vehicles in February, 192 gallons of diesel and 76 gallons of gasoline were used, 25 tons of salt/grit were spread, and there were no burials. One ton of cold patch HPM was also spread.

There were five weather events of plowing and salting.

Workers made repairs to the Dodge dump truck, replaced tires and rear brakes on the Ford pickup truck, serviced the tractor, cleaned up a downed tree from the windstorm in East Goshen cemetery, picked up 4 tons of HPM and started patching pot holes, and began moving objects out of the recycling building to get ready for insulation.

Matt would like to thank Biery's Garage Door for great work installing the doors and ceiling and to Teney Electrical for the installation of wiring circuits in the recycling building.

Matt asked that the cemetery rules and regulations be changed to exclude the use of plastic burial vaults at all cemeteries. After discussion, Spencer moved, seconded by Stratton, to add exclusion verbage to the cemetery rules and regulations. All voted YES.

Matt presented three quotes for insulation of the recycling building walls and ceiling:

Boak & Sons	\$4528
W.R.H. Insulation	\$8600
USA Insulation	\$7500

Moved by Spencer, seconded by McCracken, to hire Boak & Sons. All voted YES.

**Fire Report:**

Sean Mesler reported for Chief Day that in February 2019 there were 22 fire runs and 29 EMS runs - 20 in Goshen, 5 in Butler, 4 others.

The Chief also submitted the February Fire & EMS call log.

Planning for the April “Night at the Races” is near completion.

**Recycling:**

Nothing this month.

**Police Report:**

In February 2019 there were 7,555 miles put on vehicles and handled 545 events.

Steve reported February was a quiet month and that remodeling of the East police entrance has begun. This remodeling consists of removal of the glass entrance, replacing the door with a steel door, better insulation, and security card entrance system. Entrance and exit through that door will be logged into a log file system.

Steve introduced three candidates for part-time police officer positions:

Nicholas Moore	from East Liverpool area
Jacob Hayter	from Hanoverton
James Dubiel	from Youngstown

Per the Chief’s recommendation, McCracken moved, seconded by Stratton, to hire these three men as part-time officers. All vote YES.

**Public Comment:**

Resident Abe Bricker encouraged everyone to look for volunteers to join the fire department and the EMTs, warning this fire department, like many across the country, as facing shortages in fire and rescue volunteers.

**Trustee Spencer:**

Rob stated the county commissioners are considering an extra \$5.00 license plate fee to be added to the existing fee to help fund road maintenance. This will be placed on the November ballot for taxpayers to consider.

Also the State House has passed an fuel tax increase of \$.107/gal for gas and \$.20/gal for diesel fuel, pending approval by the State Senate. He noted the county has 483 miles of county roads to maintain and referenced road and bridge maintenance figures provided by the County Engineer Pat Ginnetti.

**Trustee Stratton:**

Teresa has received a second call on the house in Garfield that is proposed for land bank removal. The homeowners across the street are trying to sell their house and potential buyers are shying away due to that abandoned house. Bob will check with Board of Health this week at their meeting.

Letters were sent by the Board of Health to those landowners noted in the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Teresa attended the annual County Engineer’s meeting was held on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee McCracken:**

The annual HAZMAT renewal and payment is due. The townships are asked to pay \$.10 per resident to fund the HAZMAT Response Team. Goshen will pay \$324.30. So moved by McCracken to make this payment, seconded by Spencer. All voted YES.

The Trustees renewed their contract with the Board of Elections to allow the BOE to use the administration building as a polling location for the May and November elections.

Bob has contacted three companies about updating the drug free workplace policy. At this time, only one has responded back to Bob. This policy was again tabled until he hears from the other companies.

Trustees then made adjustments to the Road, Maintenance, & Recycling Departments Employee policy manual:

- pg 12        “Part-time road employees are entitled to five (5) days of his/her choice of legal holiday”    DELETED
- pg 12        “Part-time road employees, after 1 year service, get 40 hours vacation leave”    DELETED
- pg 17        “No holiday pay will be paid for holidays that fall after the resignation date”    ADDED

Wording on vacation pay after resignation date was tabled until the police manual is updated at the April meeting.

All above changed were moved by Stratton, seconded by McCracken. All voted YES.

The Board of Health on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> gave the Hiram Diaz property 7 days to cleanup the property and fix sewage problems. Bob will also check on this property at the BOH meeting.

A correction to the police budget was made to allow for proper payroll calculations.

Bob noted that the Green Team is considering changing to 7 SuperSites which would be fenced and manned at all times when open. Other local sites would be eliminated. At this time, this is only a proposal, and if implemented would not be immediate. More will be decided in coming months.

Trustees also discussed putting a road levy on the ballot for road equipment only. All felt this would not be a good time to add more tax burden to residents, If the potential gas tax increase and the potential license plate fee increase were to happen, then more money should be available for roads and this road levy may not be needed. All decided to not proceed with any levy discussions at this time.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00pm.

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