

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**July 8, 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 June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting as distributed. All voted YES.

## **Approve Bills:**

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

Payroll	\$ 57,319.93
Warrants	\$ 339.29
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 13,071.67</u>
Total	\$ 70,730.89

All voted YES.

The June 2019 bank statement is not yet in balance.

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

The ICS Sweep account has been converted to a Public Funds Sweep at Farmers Bank.

## **Road Report:**

Matt Springer reported that there were 734 miles put on vehicles in June, 162 gallons of diesel and 59 gallons of gasoline were used, and there was one burial.

The crew hauled 8 tons of limestone, worked on the building, installed plumbing and finished the walls, did maintenance on equipment, checked on drainage issues from the storms, and replaced a 10" pipe in Damascus that Ohio Edison drilled through.

Currently, they are mowing roadsides, cleaning ditches, scratch patching roads, and painting the walls inside the building.

Slag pricing from LaFarge is \$21.00/ton plus \$10.50/ton hauling fees. This is based on the needed 300 tons for this year. Matt was told to price 600 tons as a possible pre-buy for 2020.

Chip seal bids went out; only one was returned. After slag is tested, Trustees will hold a special meeting to pick a chip/seal vendor and discuss road grant issues.

Matt confirmed the estimates for the electrical work in the new building:

\$ 880 for inside outlets, conduit, 240 wiring
\$1180 for outside lighting, including conduit & wire to the east side for lights.

Rob and Matt will meet tomorrow morning with Sweet Meadow regarding another way of ditching on Smith-Goshen Road.

**Fire Report:**

Chief Day reported that in June 2019 there were 21 fire runs and 23 EMS runs – 11 in Goshen, 6 in Butler and 6 other. There was one inspection consult. The Chief also submitted the June Fire & EMS call log.

**Recycling:**

Nothing this month.

**Police Report:**

In June 2019 there were 7,673 miles put on vehicles and police handled 415 events.

Chief McDaniel warned residents about driveway resurfacing scams happening in the area.

The department needs to update the records retention to meet new requirements. Steve is looking at software to do this update.

**Public Comment:**

Abe Bricker reminded Trustees that Kent Road needs to be crack sealed to prevent future damage. Matt Springer noted that it is on the fall schedule.

Abe also thanked Paul Manypenny for his efforts in keeping Bricker Park looking good.

**Trustee Spencer:**

A resident on Smith-Goshen Road would like to have his ditch enclosed with 12” tile while other work scheduled by the township is being done. Rob recommended doing the work with the cost of materials paid for by the resident. Trustees agreed it would also benefit the township.

**Trustee Stratton:**

Teresa and Matt are working on a \$1000 grant for cemeteries. This is for repair work, not general maintenance. Because Goshen has five cemeteries, we can apply for this grant annually.

Matt and Teresa attended the OPWC workshop in June. Trustees will try to get a grant to pave Malmsberry Road from SR 165 to Pine Lake Road and reduce the sharpness of the curve for safety reasons.

Contractors will be here tomorrow to inspect the gym roof to try to eliminate the bird problem.

Teresa also will be working on the fair display. This year the road department will build a pre-configured wall, assemble it here, then simply set the wall at the fairgrounds. This will reduce the time spent setting up and tearing down the display before and after the fair. She also suggested creating a page about the township’s oldest resident – 98 year-old Millie Mathers.

Teresa and Matt will meet with Mr. and Mrs. David Herron on Danbury Ave. on Wednesday at 5:00pm to discuss drainage problems.

**Trustee McCracken:**

The police department has quotes for a 2020 Ford cruiser. They are:

- Sarchione Ford: \$38,647.50, less \$8,000 trade-in = \$30,647.50
- Fairway Ford: \$37,750.00, less \$9,000 trade-in = \$28,750.00
- Lebonan Ford: \$36,985.00, less \$8,000 trade-in = \$28,985.00

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

The Heidi Owen property in Garfield is being turned over the township by and for the County Prosecutor pending the township having the house razed, property cleaned up, and septic tank pumped. Cost to raze the house and clean up the property will be \$8,350. Cost to pump the septic tank will be \$150. Bob has contacted someone who is already interested in purchasing the land for \$8,500. McCracken moved, seconded by Spencer, to proceed with this cleanup project. All voted YES. (Resolution 2019-0708)

The county engineer has posted the Seacrist Road bridge over the railroad tracks with a 17-ton limit.

Several Damascus residents have complained about flooding around 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The township has a right-of-way between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and the brick alley. Matt was told to look at the possibility of installing a drain on that right-of-way to direct water into the 4<sup>th</sup> Street tile.

County Prosecutor Paul Gains is installing new software that will allow townships to communicate with his office opening new issues, reviewing status of existing issues, etc. Bob and Tom were selected to go to the training session when it is scheduled.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, McCracken moved, seconded by Stratton, to adjourn at 8:05pm. 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