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Minutes  
7:00 p.m.

Goshen Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2010

### **Opening**

Lisa Allen called the meeting to order. Lisa Allen led in prayer. The pledge was recited; and roll was taken. Jack Kuntz; present. Ray Autenrieb; present. Bob Hausermann; present.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

\*\*\* Jack Kuntz moved to accept the agenda as presented with the change of moving the reorganization of the board to the next order of business. Ray Autenrieb seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. . R. Autenrieb; yes B. Hausermann; yes.

### Reorganize Trustee Chair/ Co-Chair positions for 2010

\*\*\* Bob Hausermann moved to name Jack Kuntz as Chair of the Board of Trustees for 2010. Ray Autenrieb seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; abstain. R. Autenrieb; yes. B. Hausermann; yes.

\*\*\* Jack Kuntz moved to name Bob Hausermann as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees for 2010. Ray Autenrieb seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; abstain. R. Autenrieb; Yes.

### **Communications & Announcements**

Nothing at this time.

### **New Business**

#### Set dates & times for 2010 Regular Trustee Meetings

\*\*\* Ray Autenrieb moved to set the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. as the date and time of the 2010 regular trustee meetings. Bob Hausermann seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

There will be one meeting per month in the summer. Those dates will be determined later.

#### Motion to request advance on taxes from Clermont County

Fiscal Officer Lisa Allen spoke about the need to request an advance on taxes for 2010 from the County. We do this every year.

\*\*\* Bob Hausermann moved to request an advance on taxes from Clermont County for 2010. Ray Autenrieb seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

#### Approve advances from general fund to cover 1<sup>st</sup> quarter temporary appropriations

**6757 Goshen Road  
Goshen, Ohio 45122**

Fiscal Officer Lisa Allen spoke about how we need to advance funds from the general fund to cover the costs of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter temporary appropriations. The advances needed are as follows:

- #2041- Cemetery Fund \$8,418.00
- #2081-Police Fund- \$111,412.00
- #2111-Fire Fund- \$112,652.00
- #2181- Zoning Fund-\$18,201.00
- #2191- Ambulance Fund-\$157,661.00
- #2192- Special Levy Fund- \$131,250.00
- #2221- Drug Law Enforcement Fund-\$14,067.00

\*\*\* Ray Autenrieb moved to approve advances from the general fund to cover 1<sup>st</sup> quarter temporary appropriations as read by Lisa Allen. Bob Hausermann seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

#### Motion to pay trustees and fiscal officer monthly from the general fund

Lisa Allen spoke that we need a motion in order to pay the fiscal officer and trustees on a monthly basis. Their salaries are determined by the ORC and are taken from the general fund. There is no increase for 2010.

\*\*\* Bob Hausermann moved to pay the fiscal officer 1768.42 monthly from the general fund. Ray Autenrieb seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

\*\*\* Ray Autenrieb moved to pay the trustees as stipulated by the state of Ohio 1028.83 monthly from the general fund. Bob Hausermann seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

#### Accept \$100 Donation to Fire/EMS Department from an EMS Call

Chief Steve Pegram spoke about a \$100 donation made to the fire department after a recent EMS run on December 9<sup>th</sup> on Manila Road. He needs a motion from the trustees to accept the funds before they can be deposited. The green shift covered this run.

\*\*\* Ray Autenrieb moved to accept \$100 donation to Fire/EMS Department. Bob Hausermann seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

#### Motion to reinvest \$1500 CD for cemetery to LCNB

The current CD has expired. There is a 38 month option, 2.13% APR With ability to raise that one time during it's life, a 24 month option with 1.34% APR, 12 month option for 1.19% APR. Lisa recommends the 38 month option. We can't spend the money, only the interest on the money. The \$1500 is the result of a donation made several years ago.

\*\*\* Ray Autenrieb moved to reinvest \$1500 C.D. for cemetery to LCNB in the 38 month CD. Bob Hausermann seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

#### Personnel Items

\*\*\* Ray Autenrieb moved to employ an attorney in addition to the prosecuting attorney of Clermont County on an annual basis to represent the Township and its officers, boards, and commissions in their official capacities and to advise them on legal matters as legal director. Bob Hausermann seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

Jack Kuntz stated in the past year he has felt some activities of the board have been inappropriate and maybe not in alignment of the law. The firm of Wood-Lamping would act as legal director for the Township. Fees are \$125 per hour for the first 12 hours. More than 12 hours per month will be \$158 per hour per month. If involved in litigation the fee will be \$184 per hour and PERS is added to that additionally. This is a situation where if we don't need them or use them we do not pay them.

Jeff Forbes and Bob Malloy will alternate their roles in representing the Township. The firm has been representing small governments for more than 30 years. They serve as Law Directors for many other communities.

Jack Kuntz indicated that there are some issues that will need to be reported on at the next meeting.

\*\*\* Bob Hausermann moved to rescind section 14.14 of Article 14 of the current Goshen Township Personnel & Procedures Manual. By the powers hereby given the Trustees in accordance with section 1.16 Notice in the Goshen Township Personnel & Procedures Manual and in the best interest of Goshen Township and while respecting the time honored traditions of passing learned skills and experiences from generation to generation, I hereby make the motion to remove Section 14.14 of Article 14 Appointment of Relatives in its entirety from the Goshen Township Personnel & Procedures Manual effective 1/12/2010. Ray Autenrieb seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

Chief Pegram spoke both in favor of and against the change. He is in favor of it as it will add to the force in a family friendly field. He has concerns with family members working on the same shifts. He expressed that Mr. Kuntz said he could work that out in scheduling.

Ray Snyder spoke in opposition to removing the clause from the policy manual. He said removing it is against suggested policy recommendations made by The Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs at Miami University of Ohio and endorsed by the Ohio Township Association. They say this policy is appropriate. This policy is endorsed by the Ohio Township Association. History shows that close family ties can create for internal conflict and difficulties. He gave three examples from Goshen Township's own history.

Ray Autenrieb spoke in favor of removing this clause. He says it will enhance your junior cadet program. He is also in favor of this as it opens the door to open employment to Goshen residents who are not currently employable based on family ties.

Bob Hausermann says he was elected to serve all the people of Goshen Township. He'd like to make jobs available to Goshen residents first. He is willing to revisit the policy in the future if it becomes a problem.

## **Old Business**

### **Ceremonial Swearing in of New Trustees**

There will be a reception at O'Charley's later.

Ray Autenrieb was sworn in and gave remarks.

Bob Hausermann was sworn in and gave remarks.

## **Community Forum**

Steve Holland read a letter welcoming the new trustees. He stated someone sent him an anonymous letter citing Virgil's charges. He will never lose respect for Virgil Murphy.

Dan Fagin received the same letter with no return address. He said Virgil Murphy is his hero.

Brian Fick from the Park Board reported on insurance for the park board. It is a two year policy quoted at \$1200 policy. The Township voted to fund this insurance at their last meeting. The board must make two payments to do this. This can be handled without a motion. The exact amount is \$1205.00 per year. It is through Hylant Group.

Donnie Combs reported that the new trustees look good in their seats. He also stated his next court date is the 19<sup>th</sup>. He'd like for all complaints filed against him to be made available to him. Lisa Allen noted that the written record is the official record and we do have copies of all of those.

Ray Autenrieb says he made a commitment during the election to be available to residents. He will be available from 9-5 every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday to come to the office to speak with him. This starts in February.

Jim Allen congratulated the trustees. He wanted to know if other attorneys were considered for the law director.

### **Adjournment**

\*\*\* Ray Autenrieb moved to adjourn. Bob Hausermann seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Lisa Allen

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Trustee