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**Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township
Board of Trustees Agenda
Tuesday, August 9, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.**

Meeting Minutes

Opening

Bob Hausermann called the meeting to order, Ray Autenrieb led in prayer. The pledge was recited; and roll was taken.

Bob Hausermann; Present Ray Autenrieb; Present Jack Kuntz; Present

Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Meeting Minutes

*** Ray Autenrieb motioned to adopt the Agenda. Jack Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carries.
Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Yes Jack Kuntz; Yes

*** Jack Kuntz motioned to approve Meeting Minutes from the Special Meeting held July 26, 2011.
Ray Autenrieb seconded the motion; motion carries.
Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Yes Jack Kuntz; Yes

New Business

*** Jack Kuntz motioned to approve Payment of Bills. Ray Autenrieb seconded the motion; motion carries.
Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Yes Jack Kuntz; Yes

Administrator Ray Snyder spoke regarding the 1997 Lexus and how the township obtained it and the title through a drug deal. Administrator Snyder is asking that the Trustees declare it as surplus property and authorize him to place it on govdeals.com for auction.

*** Ray Autenrieb motioned to declare 1997 Lexus as surplus property and authorize for public auction at govdeals.com. Jack Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carries.
Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Yes Jack Kuntz; Yes

Administrator Ray Snyder spoke regarding the 1999 Cadillac and the township obtained it and the title through a drug deal. Administrator Snyder is asking that the Trustees declare it as surplus property and authorize him to place it on govdeals.com for auction.

*** Jack Kuntz motioned to declare 1999 Cadillac as surplus property and authorize for public auction at govdeals.com. Ray Autenrieb seconded the motion; motion carries.
Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Yes Jack Kuntz; Yes

Fire Chief Steve Pegram spoke to the Trustees about the 1972 Stuphen Ladder Truck. Chief Pegram stated that while looking at the operations of the fire department and where they can trim costs he is

bringing to the Trustees the issue of the ladder truck. It was purchased new 38 years ago by Columbia Missouri where it served them full time. Goshen purchased the truck around 1988 or 1989 and placed it in service. The fire department no longer has a use for the vehicle. It responded four times in two years. Twice in Miami Township and twice in Goshen and was not used at any of the responses. There are no national standards that require the department to have a ladder truck. The only industry standard that is required is the ISO rating. Goshen Township Fire Department improved their ISO rating from a 6 to a 4. The department did receive 2.98 points towards that score for having a ladder truck but they also want you to respond with it to all of your regular and structural calls, but we do not have the man power to that so they don't get the full 5 points. Even if the department were to loose the 2.98 points by not owning the truck it would not change the ISO rating for the community. It would affect the insurance rating for the community. The department is not eligible for any grants to replace this 38 year old truck. The buildings in our community are not tall enough. They have to be four stories or greater to be able to apply for a federal grant. It has to be annually pump, aerial and ladder tested. Money is being spent to insure and maintain it and it basically sits. After speaking to area Fire Chiefs, none have a need for us to provide service with that truck. Miami Township has agreed to work with us on a mutual aid agreement where their ladder truck will respond to our industrial buildings, apartment buildings and schools on a reported fire. Therefore at this time I am recommending that you declare the 1972 Stuphen Ladder Truck surplus property and authorize for public auction at govdeals.com.

Jack Kuntz question safety issues with that particular truck.

Fire Chief Steve Pegram responded by stating there are issues. It was built in the 1972 and refurbished in the 1990's. When the truck was refurbished they did not enclose the cab. In 1990 the NFPA standard required that all fire trucks built from that day had to be fully enclosed cabs. Therefore it is a safety issue with the possibility of a fire fighter falling out of the cab.

Ray Autenrieb asked if there had been a search done regarding other communities that cannot afford to buy one. If there was then possibly donate the truck to that community.

Fire Chief Steve Pegram stated he had not done that, however, he did do a search of other trucks like that on the market. The closest truck he could find was a 1979 Stuphen Areal Tower that is for sale for \$20,000.00. Our truck is six years older than that one, so I don't expect to get a lot of money for it. We have an option to put it on the auction for 30 or 60 days and see what kind of money it could generate and simultaneously sending out emails to the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association saying we have this truck for sale and if anyone is interested, make us an offer. If we have some interest we can pull it off the auction block if the Board chooses to as long as it is done before the final date of the auction.

Bob Hausermann asked what the savings would be.

Fire Chief Pegram quoted approximately \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 per year to maintain it as it sits in the building.

*** Jack Kuntz motioned to declare 1972 Sutphen Ladder Truck as surplus property and authorize for public auction at govdeals.com. Ray Autenrieb seconded the motion; motion carries
Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Yes Jack Kuntz; Yes

Assistant Police Chief Bobby Rose spoke regarding National Night Out and how when he came to Goshen Township he put out an email to all the officers asking if any of the officers wanted to take responsibility for the event. In 2010 Officer James Taylor stepped up and took on that responsibility and it was very successful. This year Officer Taylor took on the responsibility again and he utilized our Citizens Police Academy Alumni and it exceeded my expectations. Assistant Police Chief Bobby Rose acknowledged Officer Taylor, Ken Huffacker, Doug Horn and many others for their hard work to make National Night Out 2011 a success.

Assistant Police Chief Bobby Rose stated that these difficult economical times are a challenge for everyone, and law enforcement is no exception. With crime on the rise especially with drug related crimes and thefts. The police department budgets are stagnant with no room for growth to meet the demand. I approached Police Chief Ray Snyder with an idea to add Auxiliary Police Officers to supplement our police force. With Chief Snyder's support I am seeking your approval to proceed. An Auxiliary Police Officer works for free and do not receive any benefits. They have completed all the same training and have all the same qualifications as a paid Officer. The market is flooded with well qualified Police Officers who cannot find a job. This problem offers an excellent opportunity for Goshen Township to receive the benefits of these excellent Officers. I am here to ask the Board to implement an Auxiliary Police Program and add 3 Auxiliary positions and to fill these vacancies promptly. The financial burden to the Township is minimal compared to the benefits. The benefits include improved officer safety, having more officers on the road, better response time to service calls and also having a pool of trained candidates so that when attrition occurs within the department we will have someone to move quickly into a paid position. Hiring expenses for the hiring of the Auxiliary Officers will be approximately \$3,500.00 or less. The Ohio Highway Patrol has graciously agreed to administer polygraph tests at no charge. There is a Psychologist here in the township to conduct psychological evaluations for a reduced rate. The two vehicles that have been seized in drug deals when auctioned will more than likely be enough to cover the hiring expenses associated with this program. It is important to note that this Auxiliary program is not the answer to our manpower problems, but it is a good start. With approval from the Trustees the pre-employment process can begin and have 3 well qualified candidates before you for approval at the September 13, 2011 meeting.

Bob Hausermann asked how often these officers would be used.

Assistant Police Chief Bobby Rose stated that per our policy, each officer would be required to work at least 24 hours a month at a minimum.

Bob Hausermann asked about the safety equipment and who would provide it.

Assistant Police Chief Bobby Rose stated that the majority of their equipment will be purchased by the officer per our policy. The township would provide their uniforms, badges and what equipment we can provide without going out and buying it. Radios, tasers and other equipment they will need on a daily basis they will have available to them on a return every day basis.

Bob Hausermann asked if they will be riding with other full time officers.

They will be required to go through the same field training program that any full or part time officer goes through.

Ray Autenrieb asked if the \$3,500.00 is for all three officers.

Assistant Police Chief Bobby Rose stated that yes it will pay for all three officers. Anywhere we could find to cut costs we have done without cutting corners.

Ray Autenrieb thanked Assistant Police Chief Bobby Rose for his efforts.

Jack Kuntz asked if the Auxiliary Officers are going to be seasoned Police Officers.

Assistant Police Chief Bobby Rose said that they will not be seasoned; they will probably be right out of the Police Academy and will have to be taught from scratch. We haven't started the hiring process yet, but are currently looking at a part time Police Officer from another agency who is willing to come and work for free because he thinks so highly of our department rather than what he is receiving right now. They will not be released from field training until they are competent to do the job and are

evaluated on a daily basis.

Jack Kuntz calculated the amount of hours and it comes to at a minimum of 24 hours of coverage without cost. Jack Kuntz asked Police Chief Snyder what his thoughts and recommendation.

Police Chief Snyder stated that Officer Rose did a tremendous job and recommends the Trustees adopt it.

*** Jack Kuntz motioned to approve the auxiliary police program. Ray Autenrieb seconded the motion; motion carries.

Bob Hausermann; Yes

Ray Autenrieb; Yes

Jack Kuntz; Yes

Old Business

No old business

Community Forum

Mr. Vince Faris spoke regarding his previous attendance at a meeting and speaking about seeking election to the Clermont County Prosecutors Office. He will be a full time Prosecutor. Currently has a private practice office in Batavia and has had for 20 years but will be giving that up completely if elected. He will appear in court everyday doing trials. He looks forward to working with Police Officers and Township Trustees.

Mr. Steve Holland wanted to commend Lou Clemons for the job he is doing in the Township. He is very passionate about what he is doing and works very hard.

Secondly, Chief Snyder with the two drug busts is sending a strong message to the other areas that this kind of behavior will not be tolerated here, we are diligent about this and it will stop. I commend Chief Snyder and his staff for everything they have done.

Mr. Steve Holland asked if the Auxiliary Police Officers will be able to step into a full time position when one comes available. Assistant Police Chief Bobby Rose stated that he hoped so and that was the idea of the program. Mr. Holland asked about liability to the officers. Assistant Police Chief Bobby Rose stated they would be covered under the township insurance.

Mr. Steve Holland spoke with Mr. Vince Faris stating he hopes he gets elected.

Mr. George Bates questioned an account that is in the 2012 budget review.

Bob Hausermann stated that Ms. Lisa Allen the Fiscal Officer was not present at the meeting to answer any questions. He was more than welcome to ask but they might not have the correct answers.

Mr. Bates asked what are Park Fees. There is money collected for it but doesn't know what it is for.

Mr. Bob Hausermann referred the question to Administrator Ray Snyder.

Administrator Ray Snyder stated that he was not acquainted with what that line item is. He would have to refer the question to Fiscal Officer Lisa Allen. He asked Mr. Bates for a phone number so he could get back to him with an answer.

Mr. Bates asked if the Trustees can use money from the General Fund for the Marr Park.

Bob Hausermann stated that the Ohio Revised Code allows Trustees to make donations to the park,

like they have in the past like paying the insurance and mowing the grass.

Mr. Bates asked if a Park Board member spend money without a Trustees approval.

Bob Hausermann said yes, because they are their own entity. The township doesn't control the Park District. The Trustees appoint the members, but after that they run their own day to day business without supervision from the Trustee.

Mr. James Constable stated that he has started his campaign for Township Trustee and looking forward to winning the election.

Mr. Jack Kuntz stated that he is also looking forward to the campaign.

Mr. Constable questioned the minutes approved for July 26, 2011. He did not see the minutes for July 12, 2011 and asked if they were approved at the last meeting. He questioned the July 12, 2011 Budget Meeting and the Zoning Case hearing #298. Have they been approved?

Bob Hausermann said that what they approved this evening was accurate.

Mr. Constable asked where the Fund Summary was. The Trustees stated at the beginning of the year they would have one and he didn't see any.

Bob Hausermann stated that Fiscal Officer Lisa Allen did not have it complete yet.

Mr. Constable spoke regarding a public records request for the policy and use of the Township Administration Building. Is there a policy regarding who can and cannot use the facility?

Bob Hausermann referred the question to the Township Administrator. He informed Mr. Constable that since the other building has been remodeled, we have been slowly transitioning people to that building.

Administrator Ray Snyder stated that there is no written policy for the use of the Township Administration Building and we will admit any civic organization free of charge.

Mr. Constable asked about any private resident that would request it for a meeting. He would like to use it for a Meet the Candidate night.

Administrator Ray Snyder stated he didn't have a problem with that but that the last time an event like that was held at the Township Administration Building it was very undersized. Therefore, a suggestion was made that the League of Women Voters use the school because it could accommodate the event better.

Mr. Constable spoke about the Ohio Revised 5705.30 Public Inspection of the Budget. It is to be advertised and available for inspection ten days prior to the public hearing. He did not see the advertisement and did not see the budget until the morning of the Budget Hearing. Could you please try to correct that in the future?

Municipal Court Judge Candidate George Pattison introduced himself, spoke briefly about his candidacy and asked if anyone had any questions for him. He closed asking for the township support.

Mr. Ken Klosterman commended Fire Chief Steve Pegram for finding things that directly affected the township costs, instead of just making budget cuts.

Mr. Klosterman also spoke about the Trustees lending the Goshen Community Improvement Corporation (GCIC) about \$56,000.00 to buy property. The GCIC bought properties and the money

was then to come back to the Township. Mr. Klosterman questioned where the money is and did it come back?

Jack Kuntz answered Mr. Klosterman's question by stating that one property was bought, fixed up and sold. The GCIC did reimburse the township for the money borrowed. The other property is still in the possession of the GCIC. Jack Kuntz said he would check with the Chairman of the GCIC to find out the status of the other property and will report that back at the next meeting.

Mr. Klosterman asked if the GCIC still has the money from the other property, could they help the Park Board out. Mr. Klosterman feels that Goshen should have a good park for a place people can go.

Joe Spaulding for a Park District update. The park is coming along with the help of volunteers. Joe Spaulding thanked Mr. Jim Allen for his time spent at the park with his bush hog.

Mr. Steve Holland asked about the damage done to one of the buildings torn down. Did the Township pay for the damage or did the GCIC?

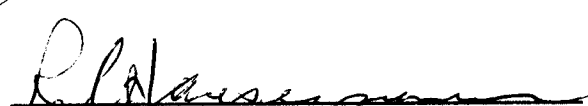
Mr. Bob Seyfried stated that the GCIC paid for the damage done to the building.

Adjournment

*** Ray Autenrieb motioned to adjourn. Jack Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carries.
Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Yes Jack Kuntz; Yes

Respectfully Submitted by:



Lisa Allen, Fiscal Officer

Goshen Township Trustee

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