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**Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township  
Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, July 12, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Opening**

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

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

**Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Meeting Minutes**

\*\*\* Bob Hausermann motioned to add Item L to agenda reducing New Business Permit from \$200.00 to \$100.00 retroactive to January 1, 2011. Jack Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carries.

Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

\*\*\* Jack Kuntz motioned to adopt the change to the Agenda adding Item L as enumerated. Bob Hausermann seconded the motion; motion carries.

Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

\*\*\* Jack Kuntz motioned to Adopt Agenda as amended. Bob Hausermann seconded the motion; motion carries.

Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

\*\*\* Bob Hausermann motioned to adopt Meeting Minutes from 4/12/2011, 5/3/2011, 5/24/2011 and 6/7/2011. Jack Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carries.

Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

**New Business**

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

Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

Park Board PowerPoint presentation regarding Marr Park. Item tabled until Park Representative is in attendance.

\*\*\* Jack Kuntz motioned to accept donation of a gas grill valued at \$600.00 from the Goshen Fire and EMS Association to the Fire and EMS Department. Bob Hausermann seconded the motion; motion carries.

Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

Jack Kuntz questioned Administrator Snyder about the money being transferred from Training Services and if it would be impacted. Administrator Snyder explained that Fire Chief Pegram has been having

training classes held in Goshen and his employees are attending those classes for free while generating money also.

\*\*\* Jack Kuntz motioned to transfer \$4,000.00 from Fire Department Training Services line item 2191-230-318 to Contracted Services (Fuel) line item 2191-230-360. Bob Hausermann seconded the motion; motion carries.  
Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

Jack Kuntz also questioned Administrator Snyder about the money being transferred from the Police Department Repairs and Maintenance. Administrator Snyder stated that the vehicles were beyond minor repairs and he would address those issues when the time comes.

\*\*\* Jack Kuntz motioned to transfer \$9,000.00 from Police Department Repairs and Maintenance line item 2081-210-323 to Other Expenses/Fuel line item 2081-210-599-3835. Bob Hausermann seconded the motion; motion carries.  
Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

Jack Kuntz would like for the Township to acknowledge Mr. Engled's contribution by giving him a plaque or a letter saying thank you. He asked Administrator Snyder to follow up with his request. Administrator Snyder advised Jack Kuntz that Fire Chief Pegram is working on having a reception for both Assistant Chief Doug Engled Sr. and Assistant Chief Loretta Burns.

\*\*\* Jack Kuntz motioned to accept the resignation of full-time Assistant Chief Doug Engled Sr. effective July 20, 2011. Bob Hausermann seconded the motion; motion carries.  
Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

Administrator Snyder explained to the Board that the Assistant EMS Chief position was eliminated when Loretta Burns retired. Fire Chief Pegram, Administrator Snyder and with the support of the Labor Consultant are recommending the elimination of the Assistant Fire Chief position with the resignation of Doug Engled Sr.

\*\*\* Bob Hausermann motioned to eliminate the Assistant Chief title from the Goshen Township Fire and EMS Department organizational structure effective July 20, 2011. Jack Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carries.  
Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

\*\*\* Jack Kuntz motioned to approve indigent burial of Mr. Rickie Wachter in Myers Cemetery, and payment of invoice to Tufts Funeral Home in the amount of \$300.00. Service Director Lou Clemons explained to the Board the Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to bury indigent people. Administrator Snyder has received the invoice for the cremation of Mr. Rickie Wachter in the amount of \$305.00. \$300.00 for cremation and \$5.00 for a burial permit. Administrator Snyder asked if the motion could be revised to be a not to exceed amount of \$305.00.

\*\*\* Jack Kuntz motioned to amend his motion to approve indigent burial of Mr. Rickie Wachter and payment of Invoice to Tufts Funeral Home in the amount of \$300.00 to payment of invoice not to exceed \$305.00. Bob Hausermann seconded the motion; motion carries.  
Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

Service Director Lou Clemons told the Trustees it took some time to go through all the resumes and to pick the most qualified. Jack Kuntz asked Service Director Lou Clemons how long he had been without this position. Mr. Clemons stated he had had the vacancy for 6 weeks. He also explained the four step salary levels. The vacancy Mr. Garrett was filling was at a starting salary. The previous employee was at an hourly salary of \$15.00 per hour.

\*\*\* Jack Kuntz motioned to hire Mr. Dale Garrett as Service Technician effective July 18, 2011 with a starting salary of \$13.00 per hour in order to fill the vacant position within the Service Department. Bob Hausermann seconded the motion; motion carries.

Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

\*\*\* Motion to accept and open bids for the Goshen Township 2011 Road Resurfacing Program.

1) Barret Paving	\$69.65 Unit Price/Ton	Total: \$50,584.10
2) Roberts Paving	\$71.25 Unit Price/Ton	Total: \$52,879.00
3) Jurgensen	\$71.00 Low Ton Price	
	\$78.00 High Ton Price	Total: \$51,973.00 (+ TAC)

\*\*\* Bob Hausermann motioned to award contract to Barrett Paving, lowest and best bidder for the Goshen Township 2011 Road Resurfacing Program. Jack Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carries.

Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

\*\*\* Bob Hausermann motioned to lower the cost of a New Business Permit from \$200.00 to \$100.00 to show goodwill to new business and that the township is willing to work with new businesses. This reduction in fee will be retroactive to January 1, 2011. There will be five businesses that will be reimbursed \$100.00. Jack Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carries.

Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

Park Board PowerPoint presentation regarding Marr Park. Kendra Schroer, Vice President of the Goshen Park District presented the status of the park and requested the Trustees to allow a levy to be placed on the November ballot.

Jack Kuntz questioned Ms. Schroer about the amount of money that was donated to the Park District. Ms. Schroer said it was about \$100,000.00. Jack Kuntz asked if there is an accounting for that amount of money. Ms. Schroer stated that there are bank records. There was a contingency regarding how and what the money was to be spent on. Ms. Alicia a Planner was paid \$20,000.00. The pond was approximately \$40,000.00 and Mr. Schadler was paid \$15,000.00 - \$20,000.00 for park work.

Bob Hausermann asked Ms. Schroer if the easement for the Horse Thief Detectives was given or sold. Ms. Schroer stated the easement was not sold as stated in the paper. The property cannot be sold.

Jack Kuntz asked the total project costs as requested in the presentation. Ms. Schroer said it would be approximately \$500,000.00.

Bob Hausermann stated his concerns. He supports the park but the problem is in this community people are struggling day by day. He has been talking to the County Commissioners to return tax money to the people. He can't go to the people of Goshen and ask for tax money at this time.

Ms. Schroer said it is the property owners that would pay. As for selling memberships there is not enough to offer at this time. Other areas are moving forward and we don't have anything in the community except schools.

Bob Hausermann agrees that the park would be a great benefit but with Governor Kasick asking the township not to raise taxes and make cuts. The Park District should have fund raisers or share crops, etc.

Jack Kuntz offered a middle ground, and is supportive of the park. There is only approximately 20 people here at the meeting and would like to postpone the vote. Re-schedule a special meeting for when Mr. Autenrieb is in attendance to address the levy request. Jack Kuntz asked Administrator Ray Snyder to schedule a special meeting.

Mr. James Constable spoke regarding the two current Goshen Township Parks. Service Director Lou Clemons stated that they are presently not in use. They have closed them and removed the park signs.

The Service Department is still maintaining the properties to be good neighbors. Mr. Constable asked why those two parks were not being used. Mr. Clemons stated that the funding was not available to build them up.

### **Old Business**

Mary Dannmiller with the Community Journal is attending her last meeting in Goshen Township. Mary is moving to Chicago. The Trustees would like to thank her for a great job and wish her the best in the future.

### **Community Forum**

Mr. Steve Holland felt that tabling the vote on the Park District Levy was a good idea for two reasons. There is a three person board and it would give you a chance to look at the money coming in and going out from the previous board. Mr. Holland felt it would be a good idea to put the levy on the ballot and let the citizens say yes or no. Mr. Holland requested that the amendment to the zoning fees be looked at when the Zoning Commission comes forward with the Gateway District Plan. The plan is a three tier system and each tier can have its own cost for New Business.

Mr. James Constable felt it was great to reduce the Zoning Fees for New Business Permits. He asked the Trustees to also look at the fees for a Sign Permit. Mr. Constable did a comparison of permit fees in the surrounding area and found that Goshen Townships permit fees are the highest.

Stonelick Township – No permit fees.

Batavia Township - \$50.00

Mr. Constable has spoken with people regarding sign permit fees. People do not feel they should have to pay a permit fee to change their sign.

Mr. Constable asked about the 2012 Budget and wasn't it to be submitted by July 20, 2011. Is it going to be discussed before it is submitted? Bob Hausermann explained the 2012 Budget Meeting was following this meeting.

Mr. Constable thinks the levy should be put on the ballot. He stated it would not cost the township anymore than \$1,000.00 to place it on the ballot and it is in the budget to be discussed this evening. Mr. Constable believes the money for the park can come from the General Fund. Bob Hausermann explained the land and money for the new park was given to the Park District. If there was no Park Board in Place then the land and money would have gone to the Township. Goshen Township is the only township with a private park. The law allows the township to make private donations. To take money from the other departments would be a losing situation. Mr. Constable spoke about the park in Batavia and how nice it is. Bob Hausermann said that if the people of Goshen want the park they can make donations, without a tax levy in place. Bob Hausermann said the park levy could be discussed at another time.

### **Adjournment**

\*\*\* Jack Kuntz motioned to adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Hausermann seconded the motion; motion carries.

Bob Hausermann; Yes Ray Autenrieb; Absent Jack Kuntz; Yes

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
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Lisa Allen, Fiscal Officer

  
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Goshen Township Trustee

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July 12, 2011