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**Regular Meeting – Goshen Township
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, November 27, 2012 – 7:00 PM**

Meeting Minutes

Opening

Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Fire Chief Steve Pegram
Honorable Ray Autenrieb
Administrator Ray Snyder

Ray Autenrieb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Steve Pegram led in prayer. The pledge was recited and roll was taken.

Ray Autenrieb; Present Bob Hausermann; Present Claire Corcoran; Present

Adoption of Agenda

282-2012 Bob Hausermann motioned to adopt the Agenda. Claire Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Ray Autenrieb, Yes Bob Hausermann, Yes Claire Corcoran, Yes

Approval of Meeting Minutes

283-2012 Bob Hausermann motioned to approve Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2012 (Regular Meeting). Ray Autenrieb seconds the motion; motion carries.

Ray Autenrieb, Yes Bob Hausermann, Yes Claire Corcoran, Abstain

Claire Corcoran stated she would like the minutes to reflect that she received the minutes of November 13, 2012 today when they were due November 16, 2012 and did not properly have time to review them with notes.

Communication and Announcements

Captain Bob Rose stated that as a result of our ongoing financial struggles, they have had to cut from the budget new patrol cars in order to save jobs. Having not replaced high mileage patrol cars, they have experienced an abundance of patrol car downtime from break downs. The fleet has been reduced due to breakdowns that would have cost more than what the vehicles were worth. Approximately \$15,000.00 has been spent in repairs to keep five patrol cars in service.

The current canine car is a 2002 and has nearly 200,000 miles on it. The canine program has been in jeopardy of being disband because there are no plans to continue repairing this vehicle. Without a canine car, we have no canine program. In August, Goshen Township Police Department was awarded from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, a new patrol car at no direct cost to Goshen Township tax payers. With the delivery of this new patrol car, we faced a new challenge, finding the funding to outfit and deploy the car. The existing equipment from the old canine car (lights, siren and canine equipment) has well exceeded its service life and must be replaced. Our wonderful community has sprung into action to get the new patrol car outfitted. Captain Bob Rose expressed the gratitude of the Goshen Township Police Department for those who have come forward to help keep our canine program alive.

While the CPAA is purchasing equipment to donate to the canine program, I would like to request that Goshen Township accept checks for the canine patrol car as follows: George & Barbara Jones \$25.00, Goshen Concerned Citizens \$100.00, Garden Acres Pentecostal Church \$100.00 and Goshen Lions Club \$2,295.00.

284-2012 Bob Hausermann motioned to accept donations from CPAA, Goshen Lions Club, Goshen Concerned Citizens, Garden Acres Pentecostal Church, George and Barbara Jones and Mark Slagle. Claire Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Ray Autenrieb, Yes

Bob Hausermann, Yes

Claire Corcoran, Yes

Ray Autenrieb spoke regarding many of the Goshen Township organizations that are in attendance of the meeting and encouraged they continue attending. State Representative elect, John Becker, members from the Lions Club, Ed Sigle, members of the CPAA, members of the Park Board and Concerned Citizens.

Claire Corcoran gave an update of the Goshen County 12 Days of Christmas. The next event will be at Beck's Paint and Hardware and Goshen Gardens. It will be a holiday food drive next Sunday from 11:00 to 5:00.

Ray Autenrieb announced that the Spaulding Elementary received an award of Excellence with Distinction, which was the only school in the State of Ohio that received this award.

New Business

285-2012 Bob Hausermann motioned to adjourn into executive session at 7:11 PM to discuss Collective bargaining agreement with the IAFF and Goshen Township in accordance with 121.22 (G) of the Ohio Revised Code. Claire Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Ray Autenrieb, Yes

Bob Hausermann, Yes

Claire Corcoran, Yes

286-2012 Claire Corcoran motioned to return to public session at 7:27 PM. Bob Hausermann seconds the motion; motion carries.

Ray Autenrieb, Yes

Bob Hausermann, Yes

Claire Corcoran, Yes

287-2012 Bob Hausermann motioned to approve payment of bills. Claire Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Ray Autenrieb, Yes Bob Hausermann, Yes Claire Corcoran, Yes

288-2012 Bob Hausermann motioned to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Goshen Township and the Goshen Professional Firefighters Association for calendar years 2013-2014. Claire Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Ray Autenrieb, Yes Bob Hausermann, Yes Claire Corcoran, Yes

Steve Pegram stated that an agreement has been reached with the IAFF for 2012 – 2014 which will help balance the Fire and EMS budget with current revenue. The core issue of the agreement allows us to reduce on-duty staffing from 7 per shift to 5 in order to save money. The cost savings will not provide proper, safe or adequate staffing of fire and EMS units for Goshen Township. Steve also spoke regarding the year to date fire and EMS calls for 2012, and what would have happened if they were only staffed with 5 on duty versus 7.

3 structure fires would have had no initial GTF & E response

96 Fire Incidents would be dispatched when there is only one or possibly no on-duty staff.

383 EMS calls with no Goshen ambulance available.

62 motor vehicle accidents requiring mutual aid.

In Addition to the 93 EMS calls that mutual aid handled for Goshen.

Loss of manpower will also reduce income through EMS billing revenue further exacerbating our revenue problem. The firefighters union and the entire fire and EMS staff have embraced this change as being critical to the survival of our organization and the fiscal health of the community.

Steve spoke regarding the EMS Billing shortfall of both national and local collection rates. At that time rates were increased to be more price competitive in the region, as well as to help increase revenue for our EMS fund which was rapidly falling into a deficit. Medico Management indicated that if we would like to see an increase in revenue from EMS billing, we should explore four (4) options.

1) Increase collection rate to more competitive rates charged by some of our neighboring communities.

2) Charge for non-transport runs.

3) Bill residents and non-residents the same.

4) Hard bill all patients for EMS transport.

Ken Klosterman spoke regarding his company and what they had to do during economic down turns.

Steve Pegram explained to Mr. Klosterman how EMS billing is done and the impact it has for the township.

Claire Corcoran stated to the people in attendance that they did have an opportunity to review the contract prior to the meeting.

289-2012 Bob Hausermann motioned to grant a Leave of Absence for Sgt. Edward Holland effective 11/15/2012. Claire Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Ray Autenrieb, Yes Bob Hausermann, Yes Claire Corcoran, Yes

290-20112 Bob Hausermann motioned to appropriate \$30,000.00 in 2401 Lighting District Fund. Claire Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Ray Snyder explained that back during the 2012 budget hearings the motion with regard to the lighting district only specified anticipated revenue and did not include the unencumbered money of \$30,000.00, therefore we are a little short in that fund and are asking for your consideration to appropriate that money to put into the lighting district. No money will come from the General Fund.

Ray Autenrieb, Yes Bob Hausermann, Yes Claire Corcoran, Yes

Old Business

Park Board Update – Joe Spaulding spoke regarding the park. Things are slowing down and the Frisbee Golf course is still being used. There is a meeting coming up that we are going to be setting up the 2013 calendar, so if anyone has any ideas for events please get hold of the Park Board.

Ray Autenrieb asked about the Halloween event turn out. Joe Spaulding responded stating that it did pretty fair. The people who did participate liked it. Eric Lutz stated that it did not generate as much from the community as expected. We are planning on scaling it down a little next year.

Bob Hausermann thanked the Park Board and all those who participated in creating what has come about. This time last year, there was not a park that was useable and as soon as the snow melted, things began to take place. Hundreds of people and man hours and thousands of dollars have been spent on a volunteer basis to create the park. Bob Hausermann asked for a big round of applause for those who worked on it. It brought the community together and the Park is a success story.

Community Forum

John Becker, State Representative elect introduced himself to the Board and people in attendance and explained how anyone could get hold of him.


Eric Lutz asked Steve about Hard Billing residents for EMS runs. He felt that the people who need the service should pay for it. Run it like a business. Steve stated that historically, any community that decided to go that route have never been able to pass a levy.

Adjournment


291-2012 Bob Hausermann motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:04 PM. Claire Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Ray Autenrieb, Yes Bob Hausermann, Yes Claire Corcoran, Yes

Respectfully Submitted by:



Lisa Allen, Fiscal Officer



Ray Smith
Goshen Township Trustee

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