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**Regular Meeting – Goshen Township
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, March 25, 2014
07:00 P.M.**

Meeting Minutes

Opening

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Reverend Danny Stringer
Honorable Phillip David
Honorable Cheryl Allgeyer

Trustee Corcoran called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Reverend Danny Stringer led the Invocation. The Pledge was recited and roll was taken.

Trustee Lisa Allen – Present

Trustee Claire Corcoran - Present

Trustee Lois Pappas Swift - Present

In Attendance: Fiscal Officer Cheryl Allgeyer, Administrator Ray Snyder, Fire / EMS Chief Steve Pegram, Service Director Bob Seyfried

111-2014 Trustee Swift motioned to amend the agenda with the removal of listed item J and to rename listed item K to item J. Trustee Allen seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift - Yes

Adoption of Amended Agenda

112-2014 Trustee Allen motioned to adopt the amended agenda. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Approval of Meeting Minutes

113-2014 Trustee Swift motioned to adopt the Meeting Minutes from 03/04/2014, 03/05/2014 & 03/11/2014. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Trustee Allen abstained from voting on the 03/11/2014 Meeting Minutes due to she was not present during this meeting. Trustee Allen did approve Meeting Minutes from 03/04/14 and 03/05/2014.

Communication and Announcements

None

New Business

114-2014 Trustee Allen motioned to approve the payment of bills. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes

115-2014 Trustee Swift motioned to correct resolution number 83-2014 from 03/05/2014 for the increase of \$200.00 to the General Fund – Travel and Meeting expense general ledger account. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes

Fiscal Officer Allgeyer stated that the approved budget sum total for the General Fund would not be affected. A re-allocation of \$200.00 was requested to reduce the General Fund's Contingencies expense account line item and to re-allocate the \$200.00 to the General Fund's Travel and Meeting Expense.

116-2014 Trustee Swift motioned to correct resolution number 83-2014 from 03/05/2014 for the decrease of \$200.00 to the General Fund – Contingencies expense general ledger account. Trustee Allen seconds the motion; motion carries

Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes

117-2014 Trustee Allen motioned to accept the resignation of Park Commissioner Robert Barrett effective March 6, 2014 whose current term expires on May 12, 2015. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes

Administrator Snyder stated that the available position had been posted and that the deadline to submit resumes would be 04/15/2014. Administrator Snyder stated he would advise the Board of Trustees of resumes which have been received by the deadline. Trustee Allen asked Administrator Snyder the reason for Mr. Barrett's resignation. Administrator Snyder stated that Mr. Barrett had expressed that he no longer has the available time due to his work schedule.

118-2014 Trustee Allen motioned to approve out of town travel for Fire / EMS Chief Steve Pegram to attend the Annual FDIC Conference in Indianapolis from April 7 – 11, 2014. Attendance for Chief Pegram would be at no cost to Goshen Township. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Fire / EMS Chief Pegram stated that the FCIC Conference is the largest fire / ems conference and is attended by an estimated 3,500 individuals. Chief Pegram stated that for the past seven years he has been asked by the FDIC Conference to be an instructor at the conference. Chief Pegram stated that the since he would be an instructor, all expenses would be paid by the FDIC Conference and no expense would be charged to the Township.

119-2014 Trustee Swift motioned to approve out of town travel for Firefighter / Paramedic Chris Johns to attend the Annual FDIC Conference in Indianapolis from April 9 – 11, 2014. Attendance for Chris Johns would be at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 to Goshen Township. Trustee Allen seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Fire / EMS Chief Pegram stated that each year one employee is selected to attend the conference. Chief Pegram selects an individual who goes above and beyond the normal call of duty. Chris Johns has helped in many different areas throughout the year whenever he was needed.

120-2014 Trustee Allen motioned to open the 2014 mowing bids that have been received for the mowing of five Cemeteries, Township Administration Building and Anchorage House. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Service Director Seyfried stated that an ad was posted in the Clermont County Sun and the Community Journal that Goshen Township was accepting mowing bids for 2014 season and that two individuals picked up the bid packet. Trustee Corcoran asked if the bidders were aware that Service Director Seyfried had moved the mowing time frame between mows. Service Director Seyfried stated that they were aware of the time frame. Fiscal Officer Allgeyer was directed to open each mowing bid and to read for the record the contents of each packet. Bids were submitted by Walker Landscape & Lawn Care and by Wade's Mowing & Services, both mowing bids are attached for reference.

Old Business

121-2014 Trustee Allen motioned to table the GCDC's request to the Board of Trustees to establish a CIC to allow for further discussion at the next Regular Trustee meeting on 04/08/2014. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Administrator Snyder stated that per the Board of Trustees directive, he reviewed the minutes, financials and had discussions involving the GCIC and requested that Fiscal Officer Allgeyer read into the record a GCIC update, dated March 25, 2014, which Administrator Snyder composed. Fiscal Officer Allgeyer as directed read the GCIC update submitted by Administrator Snyder and a copy of the GCIC update dated March 25, 2014, is attached for reference. Administrator Snyder stated that there were outstanding back property taxes totaling \$12,165.85. Trustee Allen asked

Administrator Snyder if there were any additional bills besides the property taxes. Administrator Snyder stated he was not aware of any remaining bills. Trustee Allen asked about the Auditor of State bill. Mr. Tom Risk stated that the audit was performed under the CIC and that the Township would be responsible for this invoice. Administrator Snyder stated he would contact Ruth Ann at the Auditor of State office to verify. Mr. Jeff Corcoran stated that a complaint was filed with the Ohio Auditor of State office about the property transfer and this is what triggered the audit. Trustee Allen stated that while the Township was working with the CIC the CIC was to reimburse the Township when the properties were sold. Administrator Snyder stated the Township would be responsible for expenses and once the property sold the CIC would pay the Township for all expenses paid on their behalf. Trustee Allen asked if there was a timing schedule for the Sheriff sale of the properties due to the back property taxes. Administrator Snyder stated that no date had been set for the Sheriff sale. Mr. Jeff Corcoran stated the County Auditor would be holding off until April before proceeding with the Sheriff sale if the outstanding property taxes had not been paid. Trustee Corcoran stated that on March 16, 2010, the Board of Trustees directed Fiscal Officer Lisa Allen to send a letter to the CIC which terminated the relationship with the Township, resolution #73-2010, and also stated that 40% of the CIC board is to be made up of Township employees/officials. Trustee Allen asked Mr. Corcoran if he was on the board. Mr. Corcoran responded that he was on the board for the GCDC but not the CIC. Trustee Allen asked, "Do we need to keep the current board GCDC members?" Mr. Corcoran stated it would be up to the Township Board of Trustees to determine the CIC board members and subject to the Sunshine Law. Trustee Allen asked if the GCDC was responsible for the payment of the property taxes. Mr. Tom Risk stated he believes the reason the properties started being taxed was the difference between public versus private property. Administrator Snyder stated that the properties in question while attached to the CIC were not being taxed. Mr. Jeff Corcoran stated he had contacted the County Auditor's Office regarding the outstanding property taxes and that the Auditor's office could not give specific details why the GCDC started getting property taxes. Mr. Tom Risk stated that the City of Cincinnati uses three CDC's and that one of the GCIC's inactive board members has a contact with the City of Cincinnati and would reach out to see how Cincinnati operates with their CDCs. Administrator Snyder asked Mr. Jeff Corcoran if April 1, 2014, was a trigger day to start the foreclosure process with the Sheriff sale and if April 1 was the hard date or if April was the hard month. Mr. Corcoran deferred to County Prosecutor Vince Faris who was in attendance. Clermont County Prosecutor Vince Faris stated the foreclosure process would take about three months and that property tax questions should be directed to the County Treasurer's Office. Trustee Allen stated she would like the Township to contact Clermont County to verify the status of the property taxes and that she was not comfortable making a decision about the CIC at tonight's meeting. Trustee Corcoran directed Administrator Snyder to do further investigation into the topics brought up at tonight's meeting. Administrator clarified with the Board of Trustees that his specific task was to get details from the Treasurer's Office and the time span of the Sheriff sale. Prosecutor Faris gave Administrator Snyder a specific name at Clermont County to contact. Trustee Allen directed Administrator Snyder to find out if the CIC and the GCDC are both filed as 501(c)3 properties and if so why did taxes incur for the GCDC and to also look into the current state audit of the GCDC and their audit invoice.

Park Board Update

Trustee Corcoran stated that there would be an Easter egg hunt held at the Park the Saturday before Easter, 04/12/2014, at 11:00 AM.

Community Forum

Jeff Corcoran – Goshen, Ohio – Mr. Corcoran stated the Horse Thieves Detectives has thirteen acres and that an easement meeting was scheduled to connect horse trails. Mr. Corcoran requested if a Horse Thieves Detectives update could be added to the Board of Trustees agenda.

Trustee Corcoran stated the Horse Thieves Detectives will represent Goshen in the upcoming Reds Opening Day Parade.

Adjournment

122-2014 Trustee Swift motioned to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:56 PM. Trustee Allen seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Respectfully Submitted by:


Cheryl Allgeyer, Fiscal Officer


Goshen Township Trustee

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