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**Special Meeting – Goshen Township
Board of Trustees
Monday, December 15, 2014
3:45 PM**

General Business and Budget Discussion

Meeting Minutes

Opening

Roll Call

Fiscal Officer Cheryl Allgeyer

Trustee Corcoran called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM and roll was taken.

Trustee Lisa Allen – Present

Trustee Claire Corcoran – Present

Trustee Lois Pappas Swift - Present

In Attendance: Fiscal Officer Cheryl Allgeyer, Service Director Bob Seyfried, and Safety Service Director Pegram

Adoption of Agenda

481-2014 Trustee Allen motioned to adopt the agenda. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

New Business

482-2014 Trustee Allen motioned accept the resignation of Tom Risk from the Zoning Board. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Trustee Swift motioned to post for acceptance of applications for the Zoning Board. Trustee Allen seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – no vote Trustee Corcoran – no vote Trustee Swift – no vote

Trustee Corcoran opened the motion for discussion and it was decided to verify if the Zoning alternate would automatically fill the vacant position from Mr. Risk's resignation before posting for applications. Board of Trustees decided to not vote on this motion until they had received clarification regarding the alternate. 1st and 2nd motion made, but no vote from all Trustees.

Trustee Allen motioned to post for acceptance of applications for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – no vote Trustee Corcoran – no vote Trustee Swift – no vote

Trustee Corcoran opened the motion for discussion and Board of Trustees decided to verify how many BZA positions were open which needed to be filled prior to approving motion to accept applications. 1st and 2nd motion made, but no vote for all Trustees.

After discussion, Board of Trustees decided to not motion or vote for the posting for acceptance of GCDL Board applications at this time.

- 483-2014** Trustee Swift motioned to appoint Kevin Lynch to the rank of Captain with an annual salary of \$54,000.00 effective 01/01/15, per the IAFF Labor Agreement. Trustee Allen seconds the motion; motion carries.

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

Chief Pegram stated that due to the terms of the IAFF Labor Agreement, vacant supervisor positions are to be filled in early January 2015 and that all applicants had completed written testing and interviews. Based on the testing and interviews, Chief Pegram recommended these individuals for promotion.

- 484-2014** Trustee Swift motioned to appoint Danny Vanover to the rank of Captain with an annual salary of \$54,000.00 effective 01/03/15, per the IAFF Labor Agreement. Trustee Allen seconds the motion; motion carries.

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

- 485-2014** Trustee Allen motioned to appoint Matt Todd to the rank of Lieutenant with an annual salary of \$51,000.00 effective 01/01/15, per the IAFF Labor Agreement. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

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

486-2014 Trustee Allen motioned to appoint Darrel Roberts to the rank of Lieutenant with an annual salary of \$51,000.00 effective 01/02/15, per the IAFF Labor Agreement. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

487-2014 Trustee Swift motioned to appoint Chris Johns to the rank of Lieutenant with an annual salary of \$51,000.00 effective 01/03/15, per the IAFF Labor Agreement. Trustee Allen seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

488-2014 Trustee Allen motioned to appoint Zachary James from volunteer firefighter to probationary part-time Firefighter / EMT at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective 01/01/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

489-2014 Trustee Swift motioned to accept \$100.00 Kroger gift card donation from Mark Penn to Fire / EMS Departments. Trustee Allen seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Chief Pegram stated that Mr. Penn donated a Kroger gift card to purchase dinner for the Firefighters / Paramedics who would be working on Christmas day.

490-2014 Trustee Swift motioned to schedule a Special Meeting for Public Hearing on 01/13/15 at 6:00 PM to discuss zoning change for property located at 2109 State Route 28. Trustee Allen seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Trustee Corcoran requested an explanation from Service Director Seyfried, who is also a member of the Zoning Board. Director Seyfried stated the applicant had requested a zoning change from agricultural to B2, after Zoning Board research and consultation with Wendy Mueller of Compass Point Planning; Ms. Mueller's recommendation was to use Planned Business Development instead of B2 zoning. Recommendation for Planned Business Development zoning is so the Township would have control over what is placed on the property and how it would look. Director Seyfried stated the applicant is in agreement with the recommendation of Planned Business Development instead of B2 zoning. Director Seyfried stated there are other business properties close to this particular property and that the property sits far enough off the road to not disturb neighbors. Trustee Swift inquired if this particular property parcel also included residential zoning; Director Seyfried stated it did include residential and that this application did not include changing the residential status. Director Seyfried stated it gives the overall Planned Business Development.

Police Budget

Safety Service Director Pegram presented the Police 2015 budget overview and detailed draft, copy is attached for reference. Director Pegram stated Police District fund 2081 does have a deficit and includes salaries for all supervisors, Police clerk, and all part-time employees. Director Pegram recommended utilizing all fund unencumbered and remaining deficit to be transferred from the General fund.

Director Pegram stated Police portion of the Safety Service fund 2192 does have a deficit and includes salaries of four full-time employees which were hired in 2003. Director Pegram stated the revenue split was 59% to the Police Department and 41% to the Fire Department and that he had increased Repairs / Maintenance over 2014 due to the aging vehicle fleet. Director Pegram recommended utilizing all fund unencumbered in the Safety Service fund to cover the Police portion deficit.

Director Pegram stated in Drug Fund 2221 is where the US Marshal funds were deposited for Goshen's portion of the Equitable Sharing and recommended that this fund be discussed more in-depth with the new Chief of Police regarding capital items currently budgeted in this fund. Director Pegram stated the current budget included the purchase of one Police vehicle with a grant to be submitted for a second Police vehicle. Director Pegram stated that equipment to outfit two new vehicles was currently budgeted in this fund, along with the County's 911 fee. Director Pegram stated with the current draft this fund has a deficit and recommended utilizing unencumbered funds and the remaining deficit to be transferred from the General fund.

Director Pegram stated in Enforcement and Education fund 2271 that some line item expenses had been moved to Police District fund 2081 which eliminated multiple identical line items in each fund.

Director Pegram summarized the overall Police deficit increased, but this was determined by purchasing one new police vehicle, purchases needed to equip two police vehicles, and for the replacement of all Police body armor. Director Pegram stated that if Police budget draft were to be approved that a transfer of \$68,426.92 would be needed from the General fund. Director Pegram stated if all before mentioned items were removed from the budget that the Police budget would only increase at that point by less than 2% compared to 2014 budget. Director Pegram stated this increase is in line with the federal cost of living increase for 2014 which was 1.7% and the national rate of inflation for 2014 which was estimated to be between 2% and 2.5%.

Fiscal Officer Allgeyer stated that there would be 27 pay periods in 2014 and 26 pay periods in 2015. Director Pegram stated that should the Trustees want to reduce the Police budget that the new vehicle purchase could be removed but due to the need he recommended that the US Marshal money received into Drug Fund 2221 be used to purchase one vehicle.

Trustee Swift inquired if the salary increases for the Fire Department was a specific percentage; Chief Pegram stated that under the old step raise system an employee

would reach top pay after 3 years and under the current approved pay scale employee would reach top pay at 5 years. Chief Pegram stated the new approved labor agreement reset pay rates for employees for 2015, but that there also would be no pay increase for 2016 or 2017, so for next three years the Fire Department salaries are fixed.

Trustee Corcoran inquired about the amount budgeted for Police Safety Service fund 2192 for repairs and maintenance; Director Pegram stated the 2015 budget amount increased due to the age of the vehicle fleet. Trustee Corcoran requested that an actual date be given for the replacement of the body armor. Trustee Allen stated she would inquire about the vet bills for the canine unit.

Executive Session

491-2014 Trustee Swift motioned to adjourn into Board of Trustees Executive Session at 4:22 PM to review and discuss the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official according to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1). Trustee Allen seconded the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Board of Trustees reconvened from Executive Session at 5:17 PM.

Adjournment


492-2014 Trustee Allen motioned to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 5:20 PM. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

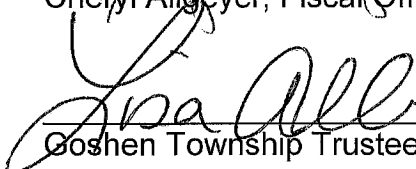
Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Respectfully Submitted by:


Cheryl Allgeyer, Fiscal Officer


Goshen Township Trustee

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