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**Regular Meeting – Goshen Township  
Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, March 24, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Opening**

Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Fire / EMS Chief Pegram  
Board of Trustees  
Fiscal Officer Allgeyer

Trustee Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Chief Steve Pegram led the invocation. The Board of Trustees led in the Pledge of Allegiance and roll was taken.

Trustee Lisa Allen – Present  
Trustee Claire Corcoran – Present  
Trustee Lois Pappas Swift - Present

In Attendance: Fiscal Officer Cheryl Allgeyer, Administrator Lou Ethridge, Fire / EMS Chief Steve Pegram, Police Chief Rick Combs, and Service Director Bob Seyfried

**Adoption of Agenda**

**128-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to adopt the agenda. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**129-2015** Trustee Swift motioned to approve Meeting Minutes from 01/13/15 (7:00 PM meeting), 01/16/15, 01/27/15, 01/30/15, and 02/10/15. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

## Communication and Announcements

Administrator Ethridge stated he was continuing to search for additional members for the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals in order to fill vacancies. Administrator Ethridge stated the Community Press paper had run an article regarding the vacant positions and stated that he had hand-outs at tonight's meeting for anyone interested in the positions.

Administrator Ethridge stated that the Board of Trustees had approved the 2015 budget on March 16, 2015. Administrator Ethridge stated the philosophy of the 2015 operational budget was a conservative approach and stated the revenue amount the County had allocated to Goshen Township was \$5.4 million. Administrator Ethridge stated that the philosophy he has chosen as the Township Administrator and his recommendation is a very conservative approach to the operational budget process, which the Board of Trustees adopted at the March 16, 2015 meeting. Administrator Ethridge stated he believes you should be conservative to allow for a rainy day fund or for capital equipment purchases. Administrator Ethridge stated at the beginning of 2015 there was \$1.9 million in unencumbered funds available and that it would only take one natural disaster and that the Township needs funds available for an emergency situation. Administrator Ethridge stated that the next phase of the budget process is to plan over the next five years for capital equipment purchases.

## New Business

Motion to approve payment of bills, payment dates 02/25/15 to 03/24/15, was tabled by the Board of Trustees until the next Regular Trustee meeting.

**130-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to rescind prior motion made on 03/16/15 which approved \$12,500.00 fund appropriations for 2015 in AFG Region Radio Grant – Capital Project Fund 4903. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

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

**131-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to appropriate \$12,250.00 in AFG Region Radio Grant – Capital Project Fund 4903; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

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

**132-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to change AFG Region Radio Grant Fund 4903 operational appropriation line item 4903-110-430-0000 to line item 4903-760-430-0000; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

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

- 133-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to decrease appropriation in AFG Region Radio Grant Fund 4903 line item 4903-760-430-0000 (Small Tools & Minor Equipment) by \$250.00 for total line item appropriation to equal \$12,250.00; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes                      Trustee Corcoran – Yes                      Trustee Swift – Yes
- 134-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to increase appropriation in Gasoline Tax Fund 2021 line item 2021-330-360-0000 (Contracted Services) by \$1,444.00 for total line item appropriation to equal \$31,716.00; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes                      Trustee Corcoran – Yes                      Trustee Swift – Yes
- 135-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to increase appropriation in Safety Service Fund 2192 line item 2192-210-323-2901 (Police Repair & Maintenance) by \$2,000.00 for total line item appropriation to equal \$12,000.00; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes                      Trustee Corcoran – Yes                      Trustee Swift – Yes
- 136-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to decrease 2015 operational budget fund revenue in Fire & EMS Levy Fund 2193 as presented by \$54.00 for total 2015 Fund Revenue to equal \$855,806.00; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes                      Trustee Corcoran – Yes                      Trustee Swift – Yes
- 137-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to change General Fund 1000 operational appropriation line item 1000-100-740-0000 (Machinery, Furniture & Equipment) to line item 1000-760-740-0000; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes                      Trustee Corcoran – Yes                      Trustee Swift – Yes
- 138-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to change General Fund 1000 operational appropriation line item 1000-930-930-0000 (Transfers Out) to line item 1000-910-910-0000; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes                      Trustee Corcoran – Yes                      Trustee Swift – Yes
- 139-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to change Zoning Fund 2181 operational appropriation line item 2181-130-190-0000 (Other Salaries – BZA & ZC Minutes Transcription) to line item 2181-130-150-0000; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes                      Trustee Corcoran – Yes                      Trustee Swift – Yes

**140-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to change Zoning Fund 2181 operational appropriation line item 2181-130-190-0000 (Other Salaries – Administrator) to line item 2181-130-131-0000; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

**141-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to change Zoning Fund 2181 operational appropriation line item 2181-130-329-0000 (Other – Fuel) to line item 2181-130-599-3835; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

**142-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to change Police District Fund 2081 operational appropriation line item 2081-210-190-0000 (Administrator Salary) to line item 2081-210-131-0000; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

**143-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to change Safety Service Fund 2192 operational appropriation line item 2192-210-599-0000 (Other Expenses – Fuel) to line item 2192-210-599-3835; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

**144-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to change Fire District Fund 2111 operational appropriation line item 2111-220-132-0000 (Administrator Salary) to line item 2111-220-131-0000; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

**145-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to change Fire District Fund 2111 operational appropriation line item 2111-740-740-0000 (Machinery/Furniture) to line item 2111-760-740-0000; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

**146-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to change Fire / EMS Levy Fund 2193 operational appropriation line item 2193-230-519-0000 (Dues/ Fees) to line item 2193-220-510-0000; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

**147-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to change Fire / EMS Levy Fund 2193 operational appropriation line item 2193-230-599-3835 (Other Expenses – Fuel) to line item 2193-220-599-3835; motion retro-active to 03/16/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

**148-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to cover costs, not to exceed \$500.00, for Trustee Corcoran and Swift to attend the 2015 Local Government Officials Conference for one day attendances on April 1 or 2, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Administrator Ethridge stated the Auditor of State host a meeting in Columbus each year for local officials to attend.

**149-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to accept the donation of a washer and dryer from Brett Geary to the Fire / EMS departments valued at \$500.00. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Chief Pegram stated that Mr. Geary resides in Goshen Township and had an extra washer / dryer that he would like to donate to the Fire department. Chief Pegram stated the washer / dryer would be used for the Fire department uniforms and linens.

**150-2015** Trustee Swift motioned to adopt a resolution prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, or solicitation of orders for future delivery of goods by “transient vendors”. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Administrator Ethridge stated several weeks ago, that Trustee Corcoran had inquired what the legal position was for solicitation within the Township. Administrator Ethridge stated he had looked at surrounding municipalities for resolution language and had presented a draft for review to the County Prosecutor's office for a document which could be presented to the Board of Trustees. Administrator Ethridge read into the record activities “Not” prohibited by this resolution. A copy of the resolution is attached for reference. Administrator Ethridge stated the six items read would allow the Girl or Boy Scouts to come door to door but this resolution is to prohibit individuals selling door to door for future goods. Trustee Corcoran stated that individuals had called because citizens had complained about individuals in neighborhoods selling products. Chief Combs stated he had also received complaints and also recommended the Board to pass the resolution.

### Clermont County Chamber of Commerce membership

Administrator Ethridge stated he believes it is a good idea to have a strong relationship with Clermont County by becoming a member of the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce and that the annual membership cost is \$800.00, but that he is still negotiating the membership cost. Trustee Corcoran recommended the motion be tabled until the final membership price is determined. Board of Trustees agreed; motion was tabled.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Joe Spaulding presented the Park Board update and a copy is attached for reference.

Trustee Allen read into the record an email received by Chief Combs regarding Parker Road and St. Rt. 132 intersection, with possible guardrail installation and for further analysis to be done by the State. Chief Combs stated he has driven around the community to evaluate safety of the roads and had sent a letter regarding the safety of the Parker Road and St. Rt. 132 intersection, due to the depth of the ditch and if the ditch fills with water that both Police Chief Combs and Fire / EMS Chief Pegram have deemed this a hazardous area. Fire / EMS Chief Pegram stated if an accident happens at this intersection in wet conditions that the ditch when flooded can hold seven to eight feet of water and could make recovery difficult. Trustee Swift inquired if the property owners at this intersection had been asked regarding the installation of guardrails; Police Chief Combs stated the property owners do not have the right of way and that this particular ditch could submerge a car. Chief Combs stated the State is aware of the problem because they have installed extended signs in order to be seen. Trustee Corcoran stated this issue has been presented before and the State installed the current white reflective polls. Chief Combs stated this area is a State route and is the States responsibility and not the Counties. Chief Combs stated that he believes this is one of the most dangerous intersections he has seen. Trustee Corcoran stated that water in the ditch is also affecting the current road way.

## **Community Forum**

Andrew Evans – Goshen, OH

Mr. Evans stated he was representing the Goshen Chamber of Commerce and that he is the current Chamber President. Mr. Evans stated that the Goshen Chamber of Commerce had been asked to take over the management of the Goshen Memorial Day Parade and he requested that the Board of Trustees to make an official vote for the Goshen Chamber of Commerce to officially manage the Goshen Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Evans stated the parade would be held on Monday, May 25 and asked for continued support from the Township. Mr. Evans inquired of the Board of Trustees if they would require him to come before the Board for speakers and grand marshal approval; Chief Combs recommended to Mr. Evans that he should notify the Board of Trustees of the individuals they are recommending to speak and for the grand marshal. The Board of Trustees requested that the Chamber email the

Trustees of the individuals the Chamber recommends. Trustee Corcoran stated she would like for Fire / EMS Chief Pegram to continue the tradition of laying flowers on a grave; Chief Pegram stated the flowers are laid on the grave of a fallen firefighter. Trustee Corcoran stated that the Chamber should work with Police Chief Combs regarding street closures during the parade. Mr. Evans stated that the annual membership dues for the Goshen Chamber of Commerce were significantly less than the dues for the Clermont County Chamber and requested the Board of Trustees consider joining the local Chamber before becoming a member of another Chamber.

- 151-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to request the Goshen Chamber of Commerce to facilitate the Goshen Memorial Day Parade. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

### Adjournment

- 152-2015** Trustee Swift motioned to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:59 PM. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

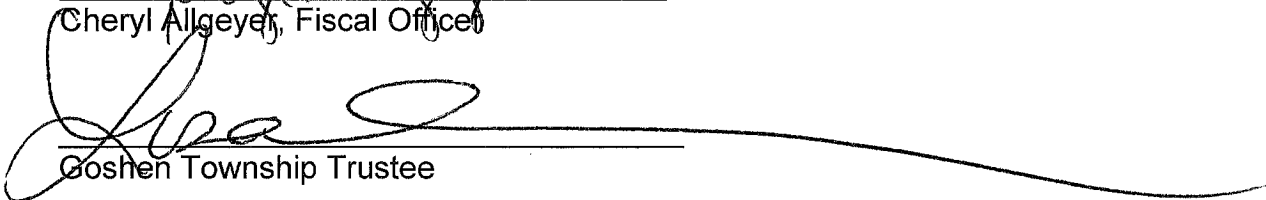
Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Cheryl Allgeyer, Fiscal Officer

  
Goshen Township Trustee

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