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**Regular Meeting – Goshen Township
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, April 28, 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

174-2015 Trustee Swift motioned to adopt the agenda. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Approval of Meeting Minutes

175-2015 Trustee Corcoran motioned to approve Meeting Minutes from 04/14/15 and 04/21/15. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Approve Payment of Bills

176-2015 Trustee Corcoran motioned to approve payment of bills, payment dates 04/14/15 to 04/27/15 with the removal of checks #24288 and #24296. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Trustee Corcoran stated that checks #24288 and #24296 had been removed until Board of Trustees can further discuss.

Communication and Announcements

Chief Pegram stated that April had been a very busy month, unfortunately with several serious accidents involving DUI and motorcycle accidents without the use of helmets. Chief Pegram stated that on one of these runs, Paramedic Nick Stiens had performed a life-saving paramedic procedure in the field and as a result of his actions the individual is expected to make a full recovery. Chief Pegram proceeded to read a letter of commendation for Nick Stiens from Medical Director Dr. Matthew Huff.

Administrator Ethridge gave an update regarding the Community Block grant in that the Township had not achieved what they had wanted and had not received the grant and stated that the Township will resubmit again later in the year.

Trustee Corcoran thanked both Chief Pegram and Chief Combs involving their work with the State with regards to the intersection at St. Rt. 132 and Parker Road.

Fiscal Officer Allgeyer stated upon request by Police Chief Combs she read into the record a letter of resignation received from Police Officer Craig Sanders, resignation to be effective May 7, 2015. Chief Combs stated that Police Officer Sanders had received a position with another Police Department in the Dayton area. Chief Combs recommended to the Board of Trustees to accept Officer Sanders resignation.

177-2015 Trustee Corcoran motioned to accept the resignation of Police Officer Craig Sanders effective May 7, 2015. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

New Business

- 178-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to accept the resignation of part-time Firefighter Chris Higgins effective April 28, 2015. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

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

Chief Pegram stated that Firefighter Chris Higgins had not worked a shift in 6 months, he had been contacted to verify his status and that a letter of resignation from Mr. Higgins had been received.

- 179-2015** Trustee Swift motioned to table approval of out of town travel for Firefighter / Paramedic Brian Broyles and Nicholas Stiens until Board of Trustees can discuss further with Administrator Ethridge during Executive Session. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

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

Trustee Swift stated she would like to discuss further with Administrator Ethridge before approving the motion.

- 180-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to table approval of out of town travel for Deputy Chief Paul Hasenmeier until Board of Trustees can discuss further with Administrator Ethridge. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

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

Executive Session

- 181-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to enter Executive Session according to ORC 121.22, Public Meetings, and item #1 to discuss compensation and employment. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

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

Administrator Ethridge recommended to the Board of Trustees to enter Executive Session at 7:15 PM to discuss employment matters. Board of Trustees reconvened from Executive Session at 7:55 PM.

Old Business

- 182-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to approve out of town travel for Firefighter / Paramedic Brian Broyles and Nicholas Stiens to attend Fire Instructor class at the State Fire School (Bowling Green) May 11-14, 2015 for a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00 per student (\$2,400.00 total). Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes
- 183-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to approve out of town travel for Deputy Chief Paul Hasenmeier to attend State Fire School (Bowling Green) May 11-15, 2015 at no cost to Goshen Township. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes
- 184-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to rescind Motion 85-2015 accepting the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Fire Chief's vehicle dated 02/10/15 to be effective as of 01/01/2015. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes
- 185-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to table authorizing the purchase of a 2016 vehicle for the Fire Department. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes
- Trustee Corcoran stated she would like to table this motion until a future date to allow time for the Administrator to receive multiple bids on purchasing a vehicle and to make his recommendation to the Board of Trustees.
- 186-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to direct the Administrator to look into purchase bids for a vehicle for the Fire Department not to exceed \$30,000.00 and to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees at a later date. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes

Community Forum

William Cleaver – Loveland, OH, Goshen Township

Mr. Cleaver stated he was surprised when he read in the newspaper that when the Fire / EMS levy was passed in 2014 that he saw that the Safety Service Fund revenue had been cut to the Fire Department in 2015 and that according to the newspaper the revenue split was 75% to the Police Department and 25% to the Fire Department. Mr. Cleaver inquired if the newspaper reported revenue split was correct. Mr. Cleaver stated that past Police Department levies have failed and when this past levy was put on for the Fire Department only the community had passed

the levy. Mr. Cleaver stated he was disappointed that the Board of Trustees had decided to take money away from the Fire Department just because the 2014 levy had passed for the Fire Department. Mr. Cleaver stated that just because one levy passed for the Fire Department that the community did not expect for the Fire Department to have money cut from their budget and that the community felt this levy would add money to the Fire Department not to have money taken away.

James Constable – Blanchester, OH

Mr. Constable inquired about public records request. Mr. Constable inquired about the Park Board and a possible Park levy and stated he was disappointed in the Board of Trustees that they did not budget for the Park in 2015. Mr. Constable stated the GCDC taxes were paid in order to keep the property out of foreclosure. Trustee Allen stated that Mr. Constable should give Administrator Ethridge his public records request.

Ken Klosterman – Goshen, OH

Mr. Klosterman inquired about the advantages / disadvantages of Goshen Township receiving the Belmont properties from the GCDC. Mr. Klosterman stated that the original idea of the GCIC was to improve Goshen Township and what would benefit Goshen. Mr. Klosterman stated several members of the GCIC resigned after some members had begun independent discussions involving the Belmont properties and stated that the property had been given to the members that had broken away from the original CIC and they started the GCDC. Mr. Klosterman recommended that the Board of Trustees not accept the Belmont properties back to Goshen Township.

Erwin Walker – Goshen, OH

Mr. Walker gave the Park Board update with upcoming events including a Farmers Market and a fishing contest.

Adjournment

187-2015 Trustee Corcoran motioned to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:19 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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