

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**March 9, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Trustees Teresa Stratton, John Bricker, and Shawn Mesler were present. Fiscal Officer Tom Knoedler was out of state and excused.

## **Approve Minutes:**

Motion by Stratton, seconded by Mesler, to excuse Fiscal Officer Knoedler from tonight's meeting for family obligations. All voted YES.

Motion by Bricker, seconded by Mesler, to approve the February 10, 2020 minutes as distributed. All voted YES

## **Approve Bills:**

Motion by Stratton, seconded by Bricker, to approve payment of:

Payroll	\$ 63,347.59
Warrants	\$ 1,291.87
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 25,945.90</u>
Total	\$ 90,585.36

All voted YES.

The January bank reconciliation sheets were signed by Trustees.

The February bank statement is in balance. The Trustees need to sign the February reconciliation sheets. When the bank statement arrived, those sheets can also be signed.

The February credit card statement was reviewed by Trustee Stratton.

The General Fund money issue of last month is fixed. We did not have to redeem a one-year CD. Tom worked with UAN support line to get the CD registered correctly in the UAN software. It was simply change of how the CD was registered in the software.

The FNB FRAUD PROTECTION BUNDLE has been implemented.

## **Road Report:**

Matt Springer reported that there were 1186 miles put on vehicles in February, 267 gallons of diesel and 29 gallons of gasoline were used, and there were no burials.

There were five weather events. They used 30 tons of salt and 11 tons of grit. Employees hauled 110 tons of asphalt grindings, 32 tons of limestone, and 1 ton of cold patch.

They worked on Smith-Goshen Road, finished the north end at the tracks with grindings and topped some low spots. Smith Township helped with their ditcher, opening some ditches. Matt and Randy installed a new culvert for Jack Lora on Duck Creek Road, worked on the dirt roads, and installed new fuel tank straps on the Ford F-250.

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Springer also advised that deer and animals hit on the roadway will no longer be picked up by the county based on an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommendation to leave animals where they are. The township will also follow this plan. Residents with issues with this policy can attempt to call the ODNR with this concern.

Matt reminded residents to remove winter decorations from the township cemeteries by March 16<sup>th</sup> or the decorations will be disposed of by the road department.

**Fire Report:**

April Thorne reported for Chief Derek Day that in January there were 6 fire runs and 20 EMS runs – 13 in Goshen, 5 in Butler and 2 other.

There were one inspection this month. The Chief also submitted the February Fire & EMS call log.

The “Night at the Races” fund raiser will be held on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Recycling:**

Nothing – Paul was unable to attend tonight.  
Mesler learned the Green Team will continue to accept glass for the time being.

**Police Report:**

In February 2020 there were 7377 miles put on vehicles and police handled 578 events.

Chief McDaniel also commended Lt. John Calko for his efforts on the collaborative work certification and Sgt. Chris Weingart for a perfect LEADS audit.

**Public Comment:**

Troy Rhoades, Goshen’s representative from Ohio Edison/First Energy, advised the public to watch for scam phone calls in reference to utilities and energy bills. He is looking into scheduling with Green Fire Department and other Mahoning County agencies a first responders seminar/class (TBA). Smart meters are coming to this area soon as they are currently being used in areas of Columbiana county. They will be installed by workers from Wellington Installation. Wellington workers will be in brown suits and will have identification.

Resident McCracken inquired about the bank problem from last month (see above), asked Troy Rhoades about cutting trees, and asked about the Garfield Road house progress at the county level.

Resident John Biery asked how many veteran graves are at the New Bunker Hill cemetery. Matt responded there are 62. John’s inquiry is for the Goshen Good Growers 4H Club which will be participating in “Wreaths or Veterans”. The club would like to put a wreath on each veteran grave. Trustees granted permission for John and the Club to do so. The Club will work with the Goshen Center Ruritans to raise the necessary funds.

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Tom Rhodes thanked the Damascus Fire Department for a job well done and stated that the department had 6 runs on Sunday (03/08/20). He is very grateful for the use of mutual aid, as it works both ways.

Nathaniel Williams inquired about a pipeline flyer he received in the mail and the upcoming price increase. Trustees had heard nothing of this increase, but will look into it further.

Delmas Stubbs, Veteran Outreach Coordinator, arrived after the meeting was adjourned, but was still able to speak to the remaining audience. He explained the Veteran Outreach Program, located in Youngstown. He left a flyer for a luncheon and his contact information.

**Trustee Mesler:**

Shawn presented the Salt purchase/salt bin rental agreement signed by Berlin Trustees. Mesler moved, seconded by Stratton, to also sign this agreement. All voted YES.

Shawn and Matt attended a meeting with the Mahoning County Engineers regarding septic systems, county roads, and bridges. The county will be paving Goshen Road between Route 165 and Pine Lake Road and is planning on paving Western Reserve Road from S.R. 534 west past the township border in 2021.

Mr. Mesler reminded residents to clearly mark their residents, not only on the mailbox, but also on the house, so first responders can find your location in an emergency. He reminded that reflective house numbers can be ordered from the township for \$20.00.

Shawn met with Damascus Fire Chief Day and Green Fire Chief Todd Baird to discuss soft billing each others township for calls.

**Trustee Bricker:**

John thanked the Damascus Fire Department for their efforts in a personal call he was involved in.

**Trustee Stratton:**

Teresa presented a quote from YESCO for \$300.93 for security cameras for the gym and the Trustee hallway of the building. Bricker moved, seconded by Stratton, to purchase the equipment. All voted YES.

There will be a veteran's luncheon on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm at St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church Social Hall in Struthers.

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**Adjournment:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Mr. Mesler moved, seconded by Mr. Bricker to adjourn at 7:45pm. All voted YES.

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Teresa Stratton, Chairman

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John Bricker, Vice Chairman

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Shawn Mesler, Trustee

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Thomas Knoedler, excused

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Katie Osberg, Acting Secretary