

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

March 10, 2026

Trustee Chair Shawn Mesler called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Trustees Shawn Mesler, John Bricker, and Teresa Stratton and Fiscal Officer Michele Barratt were present.

Public Comment/Special Guests:

Dave Bakalar from Thomas Fok & Associates was there to tabulate the bids for the Diagonal Road resurfacing project. Trustee Stratton opened and read the bids from 7 companies with bids ranging from \$164,975.50 to \$205,796.00. The Engineer's Estimate for the project was \$188,321.00.

Mahoning County Engineer Pat Ginnetti presented information on the Sales tax renewal. Here is a link to the presentation when he gave it in Austintown: [Mahoning County Road & Bridge Sales Tax Renewal 2026](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fodG5cSfe3s) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fodG5cSfe3s>)

Trustee Mesler swore in Isaiah Thomas as a constable.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes of the February 10, 2026 regular meeting were presented as distributed.

Motion by Bricker, seconded by Stratton, to approve these minutes. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton; ABSTAIN - Mesler. Motion carried.

Old Business:

none

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 86,481.83
Other Payments	\$ 41,810.65
Total	\$ 128,292.48

Voting YES – Mesler, Stratton, Bricker. Motion carried.

The February 2026 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

The February 2026 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Barratt sent \$45,000 to the Damascus Fire Department from the advance from the Mahoning County Auditor.

RESOLUTION 2026-0310-02

A resolution to accept the 2026 budget with a anticipated income of \$2,518,051 and appropriations of \$2,657,210.28. Mesler moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

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Mesler made a motion to name Bricker as OTARMA representative and Stratton as alternate. Stratton seconded. Voting – YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-0310-01

A resolution to grant ground inurnment rights in Bunker Hill NEW lots 107 NE1 and 107 NE2 to Dallas and Paulette Johnson. Stratton moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

Barratt reported that the township received \$834.35 for a body armor grant from the state and \$8333.29 for police training. She commended Chief Calko on his successful grant applications.

RESOLUTION 2026-0310-03

A resolution authorizing all actions necessary to accept NOPEC 2026 Energized Community Grant. Mesler moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

Bricker made a motion to sign the Board of Elections Lease. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Mesler, Stratton. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-0310-04

A resolution to sign enter into a MOU with Board of Mahoning County Commissioners and Mahoning County Engineers to use sales tax money for Diagonal Road resurfacing. Bricker moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Adam Corll reported that in February, 2241 miles were put on trucks. They used 236 gallons of diesel and 184 gallons of gasoline. There were 7 weather events and they used 50 tons of salt mix.

There was one burial and no cremations. They poured no stone foundations. There were no culvert installations. They applied no cold patch and used no of limestone or asphalt.

Cemetery clean up day is Monday, March 16. All items need to be removed by Sunday, March 15.

Corll received estimates for material costs for the road garage insulation project. The entire project should cost approximately \$7500 - \$8000. He recommends going with Direct Metals.

Mesler made a motion to use money from the NOPEC grant to pay for some or all of the project to insulate the road garage. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried.

Fire Report:

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Fire Prevention Officer Justin Thompson submitted the report for February 2026. Damascus Fire Department responded to 59 out of 59 calls for the month of February:

The department had 30 training hours in February and 2 inspections.

Police Report:

Police Chief John Calko presented the stats for the month of February:

Goshen:	6,868 miles driven with 341 events
Green:	7,012 miles driven with 436 events

Calko distributed a copy of the 2026 Police and Procedure Manual via flash drives to the trustees.

Calko thanked the Road Department for installing the weather resistant fire extinguisher cabinet near the fuel tank.

Trustee Items:

Mesler thanked Calko for his department's assistance to the Damascus Fire Department with a combative patient.

Stratton made a motion to let the Sebring-West Branch Hot Stove League use the baseball field behind the Admin Building for the 2026 season. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Mesler, Stratton. Motion carried.

Mesler commented on Pat Ginnetti's presentation saying that Goshen has been able to use money from the sales tax to pay the township's portion of our recent OPWC projects. Without the sales tax money, the township would not have been able to pave some of the roads. He also noted that 35-40% of the sales tax revenue comes from non-county residents.

Mesler reminded everyone that the Cyber Policy implementation deadline is approaching. Calko said he had been contacted by a consultant to take over the township's IT. This consultant writes grants. Calko will contact consultant to get more information.

Mesler began a discussion about having a permit policy for utility companies. He will send a sample policy to the other trustees for their review.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2025 at 6:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Bricker moved, seconded by Stratton to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

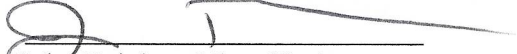
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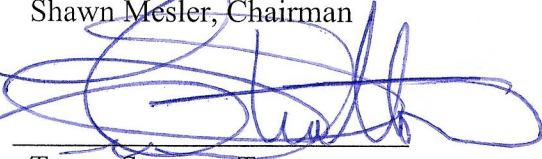
Attest:



Shawn Mesler, Chairman



John Bricker, Vice Chairperson



Teresa Stratton, Trustee



Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer