

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

October 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Trustees John Bricker, Teresa Stratton, and Shawn Mesler and Fiscal Officer Michele Barratt were present.

## Approve Minutes:

Minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2023 and the special meeting of September 18, 2023 were presented as distributed.

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

## Public Comment/Special Guests:

Resident Rhodes thanked the Administration, Police, and Road Department for their work for the community.

Resident Knoedler commended the Road Department on their work in refurbishing the recently purchased used tractor.

Resident Bob McCracken reported that he is back with NOPEC and is our representative and contact for any questions. Rates may be changing 12/31/23.

## Old Business:

none

## Approve Bills:

**Motion by Stratton, seconded by Mesler, to approve payment of:**

Payroll	\$ 117,842.91
Other Warrants	\$ 85,610.92
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 29,565.03</u>
Total	\$ 233,018.86

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

The September 2023 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees. The September 2023 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Rachelle Witherspoon purchased lot 7 NE2 in East Goshen new cemetery. The trustees signed the certificate of ownership.

Barratt announced that the township received a cemetery grant in the amount of \$1950. She requested a motion authorizing her to accept the grant money and supply all necessary documentation to the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing.

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**Bricker made said motion, seconded by Stratton. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried.**

## **Road and Parks Report:**

Road Foreman Matt Springer reported that in September, 1,125 miles were put on trucks. They used 114 gallons of diesel and 189 gallons of gasoline. There were no weather events and no salt mix was used. They applied no cold patch.

The department hauled 10 tons of limestone. There was one burial and no cremations. They poured no head stone foundations. There were no culvert installations.

Springer thanked the trustees for the purchase of the boom mower and Bricker for driving down to review it and pick it up.

Springer thanked Barratt for her work on the cemetery grant.

## **Fire Report:**

Assistant Fire Chief April Thorne submitted the report for September stating there were

7 fire runs (Goshen – 2, Butler – 1, Perry – 2, Sebring – 2),

1 accident with injuries (Goshen – 1),

3 accidents without injuries (Goshen – 2, Butler – 1),

30 EMS runs (Goshen – 15, Butler – 9, Sebring – 1, Beloit – 2, North Georgetown – 1), and

4 EMS standby.

The department had 48 training hours. There were no inspections.

Bricker announced that GR Vernon resigned as Fire Chief and Shawn Mesler is acting Fire Chief.

**Stratton made a motion to hire April Thorne as Fire Prevention Officer effective 9/14/23. Bricker seconded. Voting: Bricker – YES, Mesler – ABSTAIN, Stratton – YES. Motion carried.**

The township's current contract with the fire department expires 12/31/23. The township must meet with the Fire Department before the last Wednesday in November to discuss next year's contract. The date will be announced at next month's trustee meeting.

## **Police Report:**

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

Goshen: 7,769 miles driven with 95 events and 210 business checks

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Green: 7,336 miles driven with 118 events and 207 business checks  
Beloit: 51 events and 87 business checks

Detective Bureau has 25 total open cases, with 7 being new, & 6 recently closed cases.  
Juvenile Detective has 2 active cases, with zero being new, and 11 recently closed cases.

## Trustee Items:

Mesler talked with Dave Bakalar to make sure we are still on track with Stratton Road project.

## **RESOLUTION 2023-1010-01**

**A resolution to revise Stratton Road project to change from chip and seal to asphalt, and to advertise revised project, and open and award bids. Mesler moved, seconded by Stratton. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.**

Mesler reported that a house adjacent to the Damascus Fire Department is abandoned and in disrepair. He contacted the Land Bank and the Health Department. The township may have to declare it a nuisance in order to get it cleaned up.

Mesler received positive feedback from residents at the recent Coffee with Cops event.

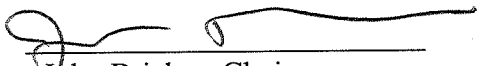
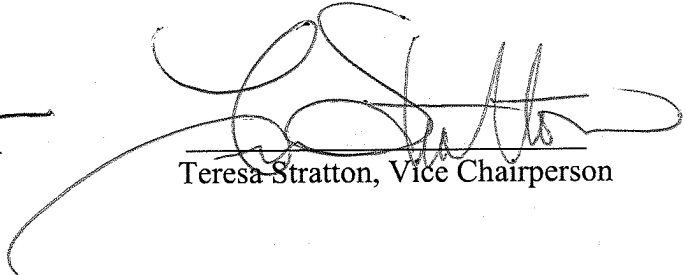

Bricker is checking around to see what kind of money we can get from our old brush hog and mower.

## Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00pm.

**With no further business to conduct, Mesler moved, seconded by Stratton to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried**

Attest:

  
John Bricker, Chairman  
Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson  
Shawn Mesler, Trustee  
Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer