

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

April 10, 2023

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

## Approve Minutes:

Minutes of the regular meeting of 03-13-2023 and special meeting 03-27-2023 were presented as distributed.

**Motion by Bricker, seconded by Mesler, to approve these minutes. All voted YES.**

## Approve Bills:

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

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| Payroll             | \$ 72,009.21         |                |
| Warrants            | \$ 4,310.72          |                |
| Electronic payments | <u>\$ 102,968.82</u> |                |
| Total               | \$ 179,288.75        | All voted YES. |

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

Barratt submitted letters to the Mahoning County Board of Elections and the office of the Ohio Secretary of State announcing the vacancy in the office of Fiscal Officer.

The township disbursed \$48,000 to the Damascus Fire Department.

Barratt completed the MORE grant application for 2023. She will give an application to the Police department for them to apply as well.

Barratt requested a motion to create a new appropriation account for Cintas uniform contract for road dept. and reallocate \$1200 from current clothing allowance account to the new contracted service account.

**Bricker made a motion to create a new appropriation account for Cintas uniform contract for road dept. and reallocate \$1200 from current clothing allowance account to the new contracted service account. Mesler seconded. All voted YES.**

## Road Report:

In March, 1, 877 miles were put on trucks, 161 gallons of diesel and 90 gallons of gasoline were used. There was one weather event. They used 6 tons of salt mix and applied 1 ton of cold patch. There were no burials.

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The department hauled 46 tons of limestone and 4 tons ton of washed stone. There was one culvert installation.

## **Fire Report:**

Fire Chief George Vernon submitted the report for March stating there were 37 fire runs and 32 EMS runs.

### **FIRE:**

29 - Goshen  
5 - Butler  
3 - Other

### **EMS:**

15 - Goshen  
14 - Butler  
1 - Beloit  
2 - Other

The department had 35 training hours. There was one inspection.

Vernon thanked the Road Department Foreman Springer for assisting with signage for road closures due to recent storms.

Vernon read two letters of appreciation for Damascus Fire and Rescue from township residents.

Vernon said there are still tickets available for the April 22 Night at the Races.

## **Police Report:**

For the month of March: 14,843 miles driven

Goshen: 368 events  
Green: 288 events  
Beloit: 101 events

Chief Calko reported that he had the First Net equipment in the cruisers and cell phones for the command staff updated for a total cost of \$9.99.

To ease the financial burden to new officers and be in line with other departments, Calko requested that the uniform allowance for the police be paid in one lump sum in May instead of being broken down into two payments throughout the year. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

Calko requested approval to purchase two new computers for the department. Our IT consultant advised gradually replacing computers so they do not need to all be replaced at the same time. The quote for the purchase and installation of the two computers is \$2428.

**Mesler made a motion to purchase two computers for the Police department. Stratton seconded. All voted YES.**

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Officer Stanton presented a proposal for a canine team. Proposal to be reviewed by the Trustees.

Calko and Lt. McBride will be attending the Chief's Conference in Columbus, Ohio from April 23 to April 25.

The 2023 Community/Safety Day will be held on June 3 from 11am to 2pm. The annual softball game will follow at 4pm.

### Parks:

Bricker reported that a tree is down in the walking park. He is waiting on equipment to remove it.

### Public Comment:

Resident Tom Rhodes thanked the Road Department for fixing the potholes on Stratton Rd. He also thanked the Fire Department for all the time and effort they put in with the recent storms.

### Trustee Mesler:

Mesler reminded residents that Middletown Rd. will be closed just East of Stratton Rd. for 30 days.

**Mesler moved to adopt Resolution 2023-0410-02 authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt bid. Bricker seconded. All voted YES.**

Mesler called a contractor to get an estimate about repairing several cracks in the walls of the hoop building used for salt storage.

Mesler and Road Foreman Springer are working on a sign grant through the state of Ohio.

### Trustee Stratton:

Stratton submitted the NOPEC grant for the township Community Day.

### Trustee Bricker:

Due to the recent storms, the roof is partially off the old Petrucci's restaurant building.

NOPEC is sending out letter to residents. If you want to opt out, be sure to respond or you will automatically be signed back up.

**Bricker moved to adopt Resolution 2023-0410-01 to appoint Michele Barratt to the office of Fiscal Officer for Goshen Township. Mesler seconded. Roll call vote:**

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| Bricker  | YES     |
| Stratton | ABSTAIN |
| Mesler   | YES     |

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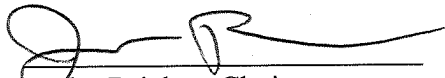
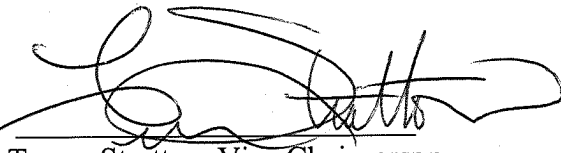
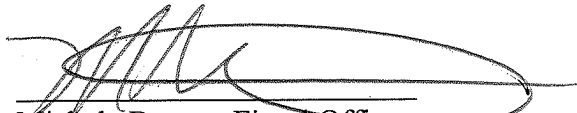
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Barratt took the oath of office, being sworn in by Mesler.

## Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 7:35pm. All voted YES.**

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