

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

July 10, 2023

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

## Approve Minutes:

Minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2023 were presented as distributed.

**Motion by Stratton, seconded by Bricker, to approve these minutes.**

Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton. Motion carried.

## Public Comment:

Damascus Resident Nathaniel Williams expressed concern over his increasing sewer bill. He also requested a Jake Brake restriction for the area on Rte 62 just West of Rte 534 in Damascus. Trustee Bricker said he would follow up with ODOT.

## Old Business:

The topic of selling the Damascus park was tabled until further notice.

The township is waiting to hear back from the Engineering firm and the Prosecutor's Office regarding the Stratton Road project. Road Foreman Springer said that his department has completed the necessary prep work.

## Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 69,771.70
Warrants	\$ 95,147.74
Electronic payments	\$ 42,284.22
Total	\$ 207,203.66

Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker. Motion carried.

The June 2023 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

The June VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Barratt requested a motion to re-allocate \$3586.60 from Car damage 2081-210-599-0317 to other expenses (Police Equipment) 2081-210-599-1190 to pay for tactical vests.

**Bricker made requested motion, Stratton seconded.**

**Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton. Motion Carried.**

## Road Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer reported that in June, 1,174 miles were put on trucks. They used 96 gallons of diesel and 103 gallons of gasoline.

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The department hauled 30 tons of asphalt for Stratton Road.

## Fire Report:

Fire Chief George Vernon submitted the report for June stating there were 14 fire runs and 31 EMS runs.

### FIRE:

10 - Goshen  
1 - Butler  
2 - North Georgetown  
1 - Salem

### EMS:

16 - Goshen  
14 - Butler  
1 - Beloit

The department had 66 training hours. There was one inspection.

## Police Report:

Police Chief John Calko presented the stats for the month of June: 11,932 miles driven

Goshen: 89 events and 206 business checks  
Green: 105 events and 174 business checks  
Beloit: 29 events and 66 business checks

Detective Bureau has 21 total open cases with 9 being new, and 9 recently closed cases. Juvenile Detective Bureau has 3 active case with zero being new, and 5 recently closed cases.

The Department used the funds from the OTARMA grant to purchase 5 new Tactical Halligan Entry Bars to be placed in the cruisers.

The graphics have been installed on two new Ford Expeditions. They are currently at Fallsway Equipment in Akron to be outfitted.

Rte 14 will be closed from 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of June for work on culvert.

## Parks:

nothing

## Trustee Items:

### RESOLUTION 2023-0710-01

**Resolution to participate in the Opioid settlement process.**

Stratton moved to approve the resolution. Bricker seconded.

Both voted YES.

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There is a dead tree that is partially on a resident's property and partially on township property. Springer is going to get a price for removal.

Stratton reported that the township will be applying for a cemetery grant.

Stratton announced that the Goshen Center Ruritan Club invites all residents to come to their park at 15110 W. Middletown Road on Saturday July 29 from 3:00 – 9:00 pm for a day of family and fun! There will be a bouncy house, a corn hole tournament, dunk tank, food, and entertainment. The band Cold Shot will be performing from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Residents are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy this free event compliments of the Goshen Center Ruritan Club.

Stratton submitted a request for NOPEC grant in the amount of \$10, 956.60.

Bricker reported that last week Trustee Mesler met with Broadband Coordinator Steve Kristan about the status of the ConnectMahoning Rural Broadband Initiative. Barratt reported that she had attended a meeting where the Mahoning County Commissioners announced that they are investing \$1.5 million to get internet access to five rural townships (Smithfield, Smith, Milton, Jackson, Goshen) that currently do not have adequate service.

Bricker thanked the Damascus Fire Department for their assistance regarding a recent electrical fire at the administration building.

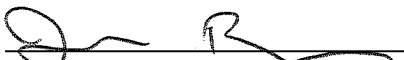
## Adjournment:

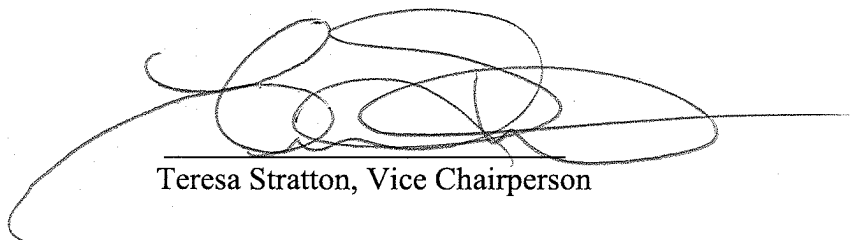
The next regular meeting will be on August 14 at 7:00pm.

**With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Bricker to adjourn at 7:8pm.**

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

Attest:

  
John Bricker, Chairman

  
Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson

  
Shawn Mesler, Trustee

  
Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer