

Special Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

May 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am.

Trustees John Bricker, Teresa Stratton, Shawn Mesler, and Fiscal Officer Michele Barratt were present.

The purposes of this special meeting were to:

- discuss Stratton Road project
- discuss the purchase of police vehicles
- discuss hiring a current part-time police officer to full-time

Trustee Mesler said that the township needs to request bids if we want to begin the re-surfacing of Stratton Road in July.

RESOLUTION 2023-0526-01

Resolution to proceed with the Stratton Road project, including advertising, and opening and awarding of bids.

Mesler moved to adopt the resolution. Bricker seconded. All voted YES.

Bids to be opened at the next regular Goshen Township Trustee meeting on Monday, June 12 at 7:00pm.

Chief Calko reported that the order banks for cars are not open. However, Montrose Ford has cars in stock now. If we wait until the order banks open to order cars, it will be mid-2024 before we receive them. We currently have one car that has been in the shop for 2 weeks, needing \$3000 in repairs. It is currently worth only \$4000 and has over 100,000 miles on it. If we do not secure the cars soon from Montrose, they will be gone. Each new vehicle will cost approximately \$61K after outfitting. The annual budget allocated \$100k for two new cruisers. Calko presented that some of the additional funds could come from the Drug Trust Fund and the Law Enforcement Fund.

Bricker made a motion that the township purchase 2 new Ford Explorers from Montrose. Stratton seconded. All voted YES.

Calko requested that we promote Officer Jordan Hefner from part-time to full-time. One full-time officer was just called back to military duty. Another will be on paternity leave soon. Two of our current part-time officers do not work at all in the Summer and one just sustained an injury where he will be off for approximately two months. It is extremely difficult to keep part-time employees due to the great demand for full-time officers.

Stratton made a motion to promote Officer Jordan Hefner from part-time to full-time. Bricker seconded. All voted YES.


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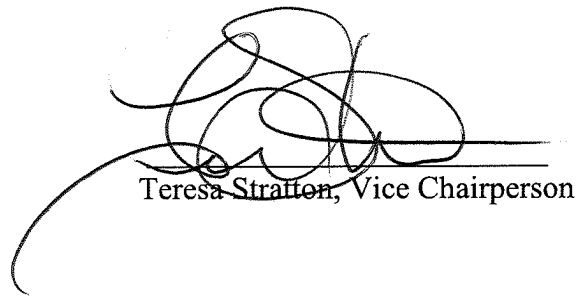
Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on June 12 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Mesler moved, seconded by Stratton to adjourn at 8:30am. All voted YES.




John Bricker, Chairman



Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson



Shawn Mesler, Trustee



Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer