

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

June 10, 2025

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.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes of the May 13, 2025 regular meeting were presented as distributed.

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

Public Comment/Special Guests:

Lauren Phillis from the Department of Transportation presented that the Department of Transportation would like to turn over Benton Road south of Rte 14 to Goshen Township. Mesler wanted to make sure that the Department would pave the road in the process of turning it over. Mesler contacted the Mahoning County Engineer to make sure that the cul de sac is adequate to provide turn around for buses and that it meets current standards. Phillis gave the trustees a proposed resolution for the transfer. Mesler wanted to review the resolution with the Mahoning County Prosecutor's office. The trustees expect to be able to make a decision at the July meeting. Resident Rhodes asked the distance of the road right of way. Phillis said it is 40 feet on either side.

Old Business:

none

Approve Bills:

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

Electronic payments	\$ 63,547.18
Payroll	\$ 63,150.14
Other Warrants	\$ <u>375.00</u>
Total	\$ 127,072.32

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

The May 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

The May 2025 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Barratt gave an update on the police fund. The township has been supplementing the police by making purchases using ARPA money. Now that the ARPA funding has all been appropriated, the police will need money to get through 2026. Mesler said that the previous 1.3mill levy was not enough. The trustees were trying to be conservative with taxpayers' money and did not want to over-ask. Bricker commented that the price of everything is going up. Calko said that he is very conservative with spending, and the Administration agreed. The current continuous levy is being collected based on 2006 property values. "Nobody can pay their bills with 2006 wages", said Mesler. The trustees want some time to review the numbers.

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Mesler made a motion to schedule a special meeting on June 23, 2025 at 4pm to discuss the police fund and possible levy. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler.

Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Adam Corll reported that in May, 996 miles were put on trucks. They used 129 gallons of diesel and 132 gallons of gasoline. There were no weather events and they used no salt mix.

There were no burials and three cremations. They poured two head stone foundations. There were no culvert installations. They applied no cold patch and used no of limestone.

Fire Report:

Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer April Thorne submitted the report for May.

Damascus Fire Department responded to 40 out of 40 calls for the month of May:

- 20 medical calls (Goshen – 15, Butler – 4, Winona – 1),
- 2 MVA with injuries (Goshen - 2),
- 2 MVA without injuries (Goshen – 1, Butler - 1),
- 3 Trees/Wires Down (Goshen – 3),
- 3 Structure Fires (Green – 1, Perry - 1),
- 1 Fuel Spill (Goshen – 1),
- 2 Gas Odor (Goshen – 2),
- 1 Investigation (Goshen – 1),
- 1 Service Call/Lock Out (Goshen – 1),
- 2 Fire Alarm (Goshen – 2),
- 1 Vehicle Fire (Goshen – 1),
- 2 Lift Assist (Goshen – 2).

The department had 68 training hours in May. There were six inspections.

Police Report:

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

Goshen:	7,224 miles driven with 369 events
Green:	7,789 miles driven with 389 events

Calk requested a motion to hire Michael Platt as a full-time patrolman.

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

Trustee Mesler swore in Michael Platt.

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Trustee Items:

Mesler was appreciative that the county responded quickly to emergency road repairs on the county roads.

Bricker said that Stratton Road was paved.

Mesler gave an update on the nuisance property in Damascus. Crew was abating asbestos.


Mesler checked on the visibility at the intersection of Seacrist and Garfield and confirmed that there is an issue. Stratton will talk to the land owner.

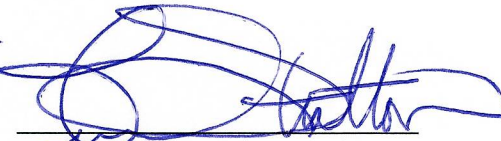
Adjournment:

There will be a special meeting to discuss police funding on Wednesday, June 23rd at 4pm. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 6:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Mesler moved, seconded by Bricker to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:


John Bricker, Chairman


Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson


Shawn Mesler, Trustee


Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer