

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

May 13, 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 April 8, 2025 regular meeting and the April 17, 2025 special 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:

Resident Rhodes thanked the Mahoning County Commissioners for holding their meeting last month in Goshen Township.

Old Business:

Mesler gave an update from the land bank on the nuisance property in Damascus. They are starting asbestos investigation and are on schedule.

Bricker gave an update on the generator project for the Administration building. He has had discussions with electrician who has plans and hopes to have it installed by July.

Approve Bills:

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

Electronic payments	\$ 171,604.12
Payroll	\$ 91,029.66
Other Warrants	\$ 3,445.72
Total	\$ 266,079.50

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

The April 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.
The April 2025 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Barratt reported that the township received \$1000 sponsorship from NOPEC.

Susan Watson requested certificate of ownership for ground inurnment rights in Bunker Hill New cemetery Lot 93 SW3 for herself and her husband.

RESOLUTION 2025-0513-01

A resolution for ground inurnment rights for Susan Watson and James Watson in Bunker Hill New Lot 93 SW3. Mesler moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

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Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Adam Corll reported that in April, 1215 miles were put on trucks. They used 64 gallons of diesel and 128 gallons of gasoline. There were no weather events and they used no salt mix.

Corll reported that the newly hired road employee is working our great and he is a real asset to the township.

There were three burials and no cremations. They poured no head stone foundations. There was one culvert installations. They applied ½ ton of cold patch and used 18 tons of limestone.

Bricker thanked Corll for his handling of the burials while we were short staffed.

Fire Report:

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

Damascus Fire Department responded to 36 out of 36 calls for the month of April:

- 25 medical calls (Goshen – 9, Butler – 10, Winona – 3, Sebring – 2, Green - 1),
- 2 MVA with injuries (Butler - 2),
- 3 MVA without injuries (Goshen – 1, Butler - 2),
- 1 Trees/Wires Down (Goshen – 1),
- 2 Structure Fires (Sebring – 1, Perry - 1),
- 1 Fuel Spill (Goshen – 1),
- 1 Smoke Investigation (Perry – 1),
- 1 Service Call (Goshen – 1).

The department had 55 training hours in April. The department performed one inspection.

Police Report:

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

Goshen:	7,348 miles driven with 346 events
Green:	7,388 miles driven with 407 events

Officer Sauerwein and Officer Tusek are done with their FTO program and have been released to work shifts.

The department purchased (2) HP copiers/fax/printers from HTS Consulting.

Car 2302 is back from Bill's Autobody and is back on the road. On April 20th an officer was conducting a business check and struck a cement curb with the cruiser causing damage to the passenger side front. Calko filed a claim with the insurance company and our cost for the repairs was the \$250 deductible.

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Calko requested a motion to accept the status change of Detective Hoyle West from full-time to part-time patrolman status, effective June 10th, 2025.

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

Calk requested a motion to hire James Craven as a part-time patrolman.

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

Mesler swore in James Craven as a Constable.

Trustee Items:

Mesler reported that road count requests have been submitted on the three potential OPWC projects. The rough estimates for the three potential projects are: Diagonal Road - \$199,345; Smith Goshen Road - \$248,223; Duck Creek Road Phase 3 - \$269,196. The township is not committed to any of the projects.

Mesler reviewed the township's broadband status. He stated that Goshen currently does not have a permit process and asked the trustees to think about creating one.


Adjournment:

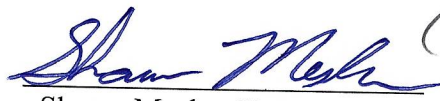
The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Bricker moved, seconded by Stratton to adjourn at 6:15 pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:


John Bricker, Chairman


Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson


Shawn Mesler, Trustee


Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer