

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

July 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Trustees John Bricker, Teresa Stratton, and Shawn Mesler and Fiscal Officer Michele Barratt were present.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes of the June 4 regular meeting were presented as distributed.

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

Public Comment/Special Guests:

Police Chief John Calko presented awards to Sergeant Dom Marchionda (Life-Saving) and Officer Jacob Rohr (Valor) for their courage and bravery in the line of duty.

Calko presented Aaron Cirbus to be hired as a full-time officer. Aaron recently graduated from the YSU police academy and is currently employed with Campbell Police Department as a part-time officer and dispatcher.

Stratton made a motion to accept the hiring of full-time officer Aaron Cirbus. Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Motion carried.

Cirbus was sworn in as an officer and constable.

Old Business:

The trustees will go into Executive Session later in the meeting to discuss the potential selling of the Damascus Park.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 59,001.28
Other Warrants	\$ 138.26
Electronic payments	\$ <u>30,558.20</u>
Total	\$ 89,697.74

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

The June 2024 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

The June 2024 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Barratt reported that the township received the \$1000 check for police grant from OTARMA.

The Ohio State Auditor's Office is currently conducting the semi-annual audit of the township.

Barratt thanked Mesler and Fire Prevention Officer Thorne for cleaning the administration building.

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In order to maintain the balance in the Lighting Assessment fund, it is necessary to increase the assessment. Last year was the first year the township increased the assessment since it began.

RESOLUTION 2024-0709-01

A resolution to accept changes to lighting assessment. Bricker moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2024-0709-03

A resolution to use ARPA funds for camera system. Bricker moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Stratton made a motion to grant inurnment rights to Mark Johnson for Bunker Hill New cemetery Lot 124 SE4. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Stratton, Bricker. Motion passed.

The trustees signed the certificate of ownership for ground interment / inurnment rights.

Barratt went over Auditor of State Bulletin 2024-005 issued 6/27/2024 regarding required fraud reporting and training. All elected officials and employees of the township are required to complete an 8-minute training video by 9/28/2024. Training must be completed every four years.

Once the link is accessed, all elected officials and employees will need to complete a registration and view the 8-minute video. After viewing the training video, a certificate of completion will be available.

Elected officials and employees are also required to fill out a Fraud Reporting Form to affirm that they have viewed the training video. Employers are required to keep the certificates and tracking form on file to be examined during audit.

<https://ohioauditor.gov/trainings/fraud.html>

Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer reported that in June, 654 miles were put on trucks. They used 133 gallons of diesel and 85 gallons of gasoline. There were no weather events and they used no salt mix.

There was one cremation and no burials.

Fire Report:

Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer April Thorne submitted the report for June 2024.

Damascus Fire Department responded to 66 out of 6 calls for the month of June:

- 44 medical calls (Goshen – 19, Butler – 10, Perry – 1, Sebring – 12, Green – 1, Homeworth - 1),
- 2 MVA with injuries (North Georgetown – 1, Sebring - 1),
- 1 MVA without injuries (Goshen),
- 4 Trees/Wires Down (Goshen – 1, Butler - 3),
- 1 Wrong Location / No Incident (Goshen),
- 3 Structure Fires (Goshen – 1, Salem – 1, Sebring - 1),

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3 Fire Alarms (Goshen – 1, Butler – 2),
1 Oil Spill (Goshen -1),
1 Lock Out (Goshen – 1),
4 Lift Assist (Goshen – 3, Butler – 1),
2 Tractor Pull Standby (Goshen – 2),
1 Inspection (Goshen – 1),
Mutual Aid (Given – 18, Received – 2)

The department had 85.5 training hours.

Police Report:

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

Goshen: 6,756 miles driven with 280 events
Green: 7,498 miles driven with 306 events

Details for the 2024 Goshen Ruritan/Goshen Township community day are being finalized. The event will be held on July 27th at the Goshen Ruritan Park. Festivities will begin at 2pm and will include a Fire vs Police softball game, a classic car and tractor cruise in, games, music, and free food for the entire family.

The annual Red Cross Blood Drive will be here at the administration building on July 27 from 10am – 3pm. The Cleveland Browns are sponsoring the event – T-shirts will be given away and there will be a chance to win 4 pre-season tickets to the Vikings vs. Browns on August 17.

Calko is still getting pricing for updated records management software.

Trustee Items:

Mesler reported that Attorney John Heino recommended RT Vernal with a bid of \$177,816 for the South Duck Creek Road project.

RESOLUTION 2024-0709-04

Resolution to accept bid from RT Vernal in the amount of \$177,816 for South Duck Creek Road. Bricker moved, Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

The township received the certificate of estimated property tax revenue for the proposed fire levy from the county auditor.

Bricker made a motion to accept the certification and proceed with the levy. Stratton seconded. Voting: ABSTAIN – Mesler, YES – Bricker, Stratton. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2024-0709-02

Resolution to proceed with the Fire levy. Bricker moved, Stratton seconded. Voting: ABSTAIN – Mesler, YES – Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

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The trustees discussed the heating and cooling maintenance and agreed to no longer have McGarvey visit every six months.

Bricker had a complaint from a resident who was pulled over by sheriff on a county road for not having a road bond. The county is weighing trucks. Permits are available through the Mahoning County Engineer's office.

At 6:34pm, Stratton made a motion to go in to Executive Session to discuss the possibility of selling the township park in Damascus, and invited Barratt, with possible action to follow. Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Stratton, Bricker. Motion carried.

At 6:47pm, Stratton made a motion to resume meeting, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Motion carried.

The trustees discussed the issue of selling the Damascus Park. There are costs involved in maintaining the park – mowing, repairing damage to the pavilion, etc., as well as the liability issue. The business wanting to purchase the park is planning on having local bands and other activities to enhance the community. Bricker feels that the land will be better used with the business owning it. For the betterment of a local small business and the community,

Bricker made a motion to sell the Damascus Park to the abutting property owner for the Opinion of Value amount of \$12,000 and to engage the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office to negotiate a purchase agreement. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Mesler, Bricker. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

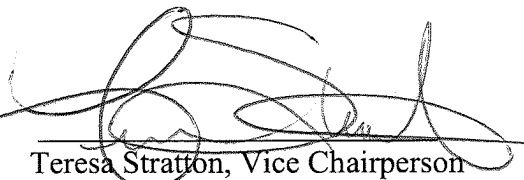
The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 6:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Mesler moved, seconded by Stratton to adjourn at 6:57pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:



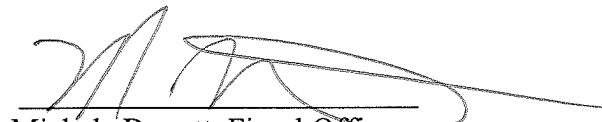
John Bricker, Chairman



Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson



Shawn Mesler, Trustee



Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer