

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

August 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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 regular meeting of July 10, 2023 and the special meeting of July 18, 2023 were presented as distributed.

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

Public Comment:

Resident John Biery wanted to go on record to say that he is pleased with the condition of the roads in the township and thank the current administration.

Old Business:

nothing

Approve Bills:

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

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| Payroll | \$ 52,521.05 |
| Warrants | \$ 2,394.59 |
| Electronic payments | <u>\$ 23,962.39</u> |
| Total | \$ 78,878.03 |

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

The July 2023 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees. The July VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Barratt thanked Road Foreman Springer for his assistance in submitting cemetery grant request for \$1950 for a cement mixer and supplies to repair/replace 11 headstone foundations in Bunker Hill cemetery.

Barratt reported that the township received a check for \$435.33 from the National Opioid Settlement Trust. We are scheduled to receive another \$675.29. Per the One Ohio Recovery Foundation 100% of these settlement funds are to be used for Opioid remediation.

RESOLUTION 2023-0814-01

Barratt requested a resolution to transfer \$2000 from the General Fund (1000) to the Township Parks Fund (2904) as was approved in the 2023 budget.

Bricker made motion to adopt resolution, Mesler seconded.

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Voting YES – Stratton, Mesler, Bricker. Resolution adopted

RESOLUTION 2023-0814-02

Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Mahoning County Auditor.

Stratton moved the adoption, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted

RESOLUTION 2023-0814-03

Resolution to accept changes to lighting assessment.

Mesler moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Stratton, Bricker. Resolution adopted

Road Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer reported that in July, 1,112 miles were put on trucks. They used 107 gallons of diesel and 139 gallons of gasoline. There were no weather events and no salt mix was used. They applied no cold patch.

The department hauled 8 tons of limestone and no 448 asphalt. There were no burials or cremations. They poured three head stone foundations. There was one culvert installation.

Springer had two estimates for the removal of the tree that is on the property line of township and resident. He confirmed that the property owner agreed to pay half the cost of the tree removal and that the tree is a hazard.

Bricker made a motion to accept the bid from Mike Christy for \$800 for the removal of the tree, and accept the bid from Woolf Stump Grinding for \$300 for the stump grinding. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Mesler, Bricker. Motion carried.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief George Vernon submitted the report for July stating there were 13 fire runs and 18 EMS runs.

FIRE:

10 - Goshen
0 - Butler
1 - Beloit
1 - Berlin
1 - Green

EMS:

10 - Goshen
5 - Butler
1 - North Georgetown
2 - Sebring

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The department had 48 training hours. There were no inspections.

Stratton asked if anyone from the department has been able to attend an Eagles meeting. Vernon has done some legwork and April Thorne will attend an upcoming meeting.

Police Report:

Police Chief John Calko presented the stats for the month of July: 13,812 miles driven

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| Goshen: | 99 events and 239 business checks |
| Green: | 116 events and 205 business checks |
| Beloit: | 53 events and 62 business checks |

Detective Bureau has 24 total open cases with 9 being new and 6 recently closed cases. Juvenile Detective Bureau has 3 active cases with zero being new and 5 recently closed cases.

Calko requested a motion to accept the resignation effective 7/28/23 of Jordan Hefner who has now taken a job with the Trumbull County Corrections Division.

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

Calko applied for another BPV Grant through the state of Ohio and was advised today that we have been awarded \$837.99 towards the purchase of the BP vest for Officer Hovanec.

More than 10,000 law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS personnel from 309 agencies in Ohio will receive a total of approximately \$35 million in retention incentives as part of the Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Program, which was created to address first responder burnout caused by understaffing and overall job stress. The Goshen Police District has been awarded \$23,086.40 that will be divided among 6 officers who have been employed with the district since 2021.

The two 2023 Ford Expeditions are still in Akron at Fallsway Equipment awaiting outfitting. Should be complete by the end of August.

Parks:

nothing

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Trustee Items:

At 7:22 pm, Stratton made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contract for the School Resource Officer for West Branch with no action to be taken. Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Mesler, Bricker. Chief of Police Calko and Fiscal Officer Barratt were invited in to the session.

Upon returning from executive session at 7:42 pm, Mesler made a motion to reopen the meeting. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried.

Mesler gave update on Stratton Road project. Of the two bids we received for the project, we had to throw out the lower of the two bids because it did use specified materials. Now the second bidder refuses to travel to pick up specified materials. Per the Prosecutor's Office and the Engineer Bakalar, we will now have to start over and re-bid the project. This will delay the project until next year. Per the engineer, the OPWC money can still be used for this project next year. We need to decide if we are going to accept the other material or change to asphalt.

Mesler discussed other potential road projects. Malmsberry Road is very rough. It is not wide enough to qualify as an OPWC project. Engineer's estimate to black top is approximately \$128K. Estimate for Smith Goshen Road between Middletown Road and Route 14 is approximately \$40K. Duck Creek Road from 62 to Rte 14 could be broken down into two phases or done all at once for an estimated cost of \$335,200. If broken down, phase 1 estimate is \$174,200 (potentially \$67,938 from OPWC; \$106,262 being our share). Trustees expressed concern about the fact that the way the project was broken down would result in a seam in the middle Dusk Creek Road. They will ask engineer to re-figure estimate using the crossroad as the breakpoint between phases.

The township needs to apply for any OPWC grant by the end of this month.

Barratt supplied figures on the township share of the county sales tax to be used for roadway infrastructure. Goshen currently has \$250,012.64 ready to use, with an additional \$166,675.09 to be available 1/1/24.

Mesler wants to commit to Malmsberry and Smith Goshen as part of engineers black top bid.

Mesler made a motion to bid black top for Malmsberry Road and Smith Goshen road with County Engineer. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Motion carried.

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Bricker made a motion to use Duck Creek Road as our OPWC project and apply for funding. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Stratton, Bricker. Motion carried.

Bricker would like to see the cost of black top for Stratton Road and compare to cost of chip and seal.

RESOLUTION 2023-0814-04

Mesler moved to adopt a resolution to enter into an agreement with Mahoning County Engineer's office to bid asphalt with them for Malmsberry Road and Smith Goshen Road from 14 to Middletown road. Stratton seconded. Voting Yes – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Mesler will work with Engineer Bakalar to revise Stratton Road estimate to black top and submit to OPWC.

Stratton reported that there was one property complaint. Mahoning County already closed it.

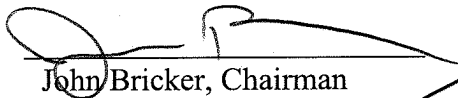
The Fair is coming up. The township will be setting up a display there.

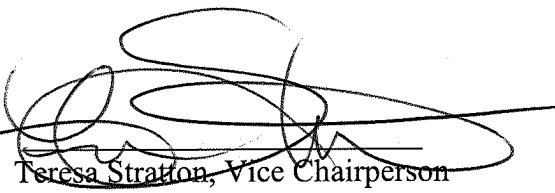
Adjournment:

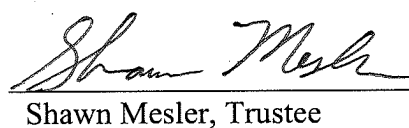
The next regular meeting will be on September 11 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:


John Bricker, Chairman


Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson


Shawn Mesler, Trustee


Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer