

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

September 10, 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 August 13 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:

Resident Rhodes thanked the administration for the work they are doing and encouraged residents to vote to pass the fire levy at the upcoming election.

Old Business:

Mesler reported that the contract of sale for the Damascus property had been forwarded to the prospective buyer.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 98,423.27
Other Warrants	\$ 10,829.25
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 24,570.39</u>
Total	\$ 133,822.91

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

The August 2024 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.
The August 2024 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Bricker made a motion to sign certificate of ownership for ground interment / inurnment rights for 118 NW1 and NW2 in Bunker Hill New cemetery to Daniel Jordan Jr. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Stratton, Bricker. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-0910-03

A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Mesler moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Barratt presented a trash removal contract with Solid Waste. Republic increased their prices and is charging extra if the lid is not completely closed.

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Mesler made a motion to cancel services with Republic and sign the Solid Waste and Recycling Contract. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Mesler, Bricker. Motion carried.

Barratt gave update on the required fraud reporting training.

Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer reported that in August, 1081 miles were put on trucks. They used 140 gallons of diesel and 61 gallons of gasoline. There was one weather event and they used no salt mix.

There was one burial and no cremations. They poured three stone foundations. There were no culvert installations. They applied one ton of cold patch and 56 tons 448 asphalt.

Springer will not be at next month's meeting.

Fire Report:

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

Damascus Fire Department responded to 46 out of 47 calls for the month of August:

- 21 medical calls (Goshen – 10, Butler – 6, Sebring – 1, Winona – 1, Beloit – 1, Georgetown – 1, DROPPED - 1),
- 5 MVA with injuries (Goshen – 3, Perry – 1, Winona - 1),
- 2 MVA without injuries (Goshen - 2),
- 1 Trees/Wires Down (Goshen – 1),
- 1 Lock Out (Goshen – 1),
- 3 False Call / Cancelled (Goshen – 2, Butler - 1),
- 1 Structure Fires (Winona – 1),
- 1 Oil Well Fire (Goshen – 1),
- 1 Mulch Fire (Goshen – 1),
- 1 Gasoline Leak (Butler – 1),
- 1 Electrical Fire (Butler – 1),
- 1 Fire Alarms (Goshen – 1),
- 1 Animal Rescue (Goshen – 1),
- 3 Lift Assist (Goshen – 2, Butler – 1),
- 4 Standby (Goshen – 2, Beloit - 2),
- Mutual Aid (Given – 7, Received – 5)

The department had 54 training hours.

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The department thanked Martig Farms for the donation of a 2500 water tank to be used at the station to refill truck.

The department has signs for the levy if anyone wants some.

Police Report:

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

Goshen: 6,915 miles driven with 394 events

Green: 7,738 miles driven with 402 events

Calko had a demonstration from OHLEG swift RMS software on 8/14/2024. This software is provided by the State of Ohio at no cost to the township other than the cost of the migration of the existing data. Calko was happy with the product and will proceed with them at the start of 2025. He is still awaiting the cost of the data migration but the cost will be minimal compared to the price of the alternative software packages available.

Calko is getting prices to replace cruiser #4 (a 2020 Ford Explorer with 140,000 miles). He would like to replace the vehicle in early 2025.

Calko changed the tow rotation to benefit the police district. Effective immediately, Canfield Towing is no longer being used due to their company losing their tow license through the state of Ohio. A & M Towing has a tow yard close to the district in the city of Canfield. We will be using our current tow companies for the majority of the police tows, but A & M will be a great addition especially since they capable of all Class C towing.

Calko thanked the road department for fixing the water problem at the police department. The female bathroom had no water. They were able to fix the problem so we did not have to pay for the service of a plumber.

Trustee Items:

Mesler reported that Duck Creek Road phase 1 is behind schedule. RT Vernal is to begin the week of 9/23.

RESOLUTION 2024-0910-01

A resolution to proceed with Phase 2 of Duck Creek road project, including advertising and opening and awarding of bids. Bricker moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2024-0910-02

A resolution to sign MOU's for Phase 2 of Duck Creek road project. Stratton moved, Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

The trustees signed the two MOU's

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RESOLUTION 2024-0910-04

A resolution to sign west Branch SRO MOU. Stratton moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

The trustees signed the MOU.

Stratton announced that \$5809 of the NOPEC grant expires 11/30/24. She suggested using the money for a generator for the Administration Building. Mesler has been working with Lyle Hoover to get estimates for a generator. Bricker is also in discussions with potential vendors. Calko has called 4 companies for estimates.

The 2015 International truck is in for what are expected to be substantial repairs.

Mesler reported that the road salt price through Morton is \$47.08 / ton.

Mesler thanked Stratton and the Road Crew and Calko for their work on the Canfield Fair display.


Bricker reported that the gym can now be rented out for pickleball.

Adjournment:


The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 6:37pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:


John Bricker, Chairman


Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson


Shawn Mesler, Trustee


Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer