

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

April 14, 2026

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 March 10, 2026 regular meeting were presented as distributed.

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

Public Comment/Special Guests:

A Damascus resident had a complaint about a neighbor's late night noises and trash overflowing onto their property. Trustees are going to follow up with resident.

Old Business:

none

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 90,517.15
Other Payments	\$ 97,926.46
Total	\$ 188,443.61

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

The March 2026 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

The March 2026 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Barratt reported that the township received a check for \$930 from Kiko for the sweeper broom and \$1000 from NOPEC.

The Fiscal Officer from Jackson Township called to discuss the possibility of Goshen storing salt for them. The trustees do not want to get in a situation where we do not have enough space for our salt.

RESOLUTION 2026-0414-01

A resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts for 275 tons in 2025-2026. Mesler moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

Bricker made a motion to renew with Sedgwick for Worker's Compensation Group Rating Program for 2026. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Motion carried.

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Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Adam Corll reported that in March, 1872 miles were put on trucks. They used 55 gallons of diesel and 175 gallons of gasoline. There were 2 weather events and they used 8 tons of salt mix.

There were no burials and no cremations. They poured no stone foundations. There were no culvert installations. They applied 0.5 tons of cold patch and used 25 tons of limestone and no asphalt.

Bricker made a motion to hire McFeely Lawn Care to spray for weeds around guard rails, buildings, and cemeteries for \$875. Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Mesler, Bricker. Motion carried.

Fire Report:

Fire Prevention Officer Justin Thompson submitted the report for March 2026.

Damascus Fire Department responded to 69 out of 69 calls for the month of March:

- Medical calls (Goshen – 14, Butler – 16, Sebring – 3, Beloit – 1, North Georgetown - 1),
- MVA w/o injury (Goshen – 2),
- MVA with injury (Goshen – 1, Butler - 2),
- Structure fire (Ellsworth – 2, Perry – 1, Salem – 1)
- Fire alarm (Butler - 1),
- Vehicle fire (Goshen – 1),
- Investigation (Butler – 1),
- No incident found (Goshen – 1),
- Gas odor investigation (Goshen – 2),
- Gas leak (Green – 1),
- Wires down (Goshen – 4),
- Tree down (Goshen – 3),
- Controlled burn (Goshen – 2),
- Brush fire (Goshen – 3),
- Public assist (Goshen – 2),
- Cancelled enroute (North Georgetown – 1),
- Driver (Sebring – 2),
- Lift assist (Butler – 1)

The department had 72 training hours in March.

Police Report:

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

Goshen:	8,272 miles driven with 386 events
Green:	7,714 miles driven with 518 events

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Stratton made a motion to hire Alexander Myers as a new part-time officer. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Mesler, Stratton. Motion carried.

Mesler swore in Myers.

Trustee Items:

Mesler explained that the township has as area of Duck Creek Road between Rte 165 and Pine Lake Rd that qualifies to apply for CDBG grant.

RESOLUTION 2026-0414-02

A resolution to move forward and apply for CDBG grant for Duck Creek Road area 3. Mesler moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.


Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:00pm.


With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Bricker to adjourn at 6:29 pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:


John Bricker, Chairman


Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson


Shawn Mesler, Trustee


Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer