

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

May 14, 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 April 9 regular meeting and April 29 special 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:

Justin Biery wanted to follow up on the possibility of the township selling the park in Damascus by the intersection of Rte 62 and 534. Trustee Bricker said that he was not opposed to selling the property. Trustee Mesler said that the Prosecutor's Office was researching the parcel number to make sure that there were no restrictions on the property. Biery wants to move forward and asked what the next steps are. One of the trustees will follow up with him,

Dave Miller said the attorney for the Damascus Fire Department is working on a recycling lease. Miller said that the DFD is operating on a levy from 2008 and asked the trustees to put a replacement levy on the ballot in November.

The township and DFD are going to schedule a work session to discuss fire protection contract.

Old Business:

Barratt presented the lease from the Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District.

RESOLUTION 2024-0514-03

Resolution to sign property lease agreement for solid waste management. Bricker moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

The trustees signed the lease agreement.

Barratt also presented the proposed lease that the Prosecutor's Office prepared for the recycling between the township and the DFD and suggested that it be signed and forwarded to DFD. Trustees are going to wait for DFD attorney's contract.

Bricker reported that the township received no bids for the surplus mower. Ag Pro will let the township set it on their lot. Or they will actively advertise it and take 10% of sale price. The trustees decided to place mower at admin building with 'For Sale' sign and to post it on facebook and the township website with a telephone number to call and then accept sealed bids again.

Stratton reported that the property at the corner of Garfield and Seacrist has trimmed landscaping.

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The organization that rented the gym for wrestling practice last season wants to do the same for next season.

The issue of hiring a new administrative assistant for the police department will be discussed in executive session later in meeting.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 82,242.29
Other Warrants	\$ 3,330.00
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 113,965.58</u>
Total	\$ 199,537.87

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

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

The township received \$1000 NOPEC grant for sponsorship of safety day.

Barratt reported that Patty Bates dropped off a \$50 donation from the Columbiana Boat & Ski Club.

The boiler will be inspected next Wednesday

The trustees signed a Certificate of Ownership for Ground Interment Rights for Lot 110 NW2 in Bunker Hill Cemetery.

Bricker was appointed OTARMA proxy with Stratton as alternate.

Road and Parks Report:

Bricker reported that in April, 1,257 miles were put on trucks. They used 147 gallons of diesel and 93 gallons of gasoline. There were no weather events and they used no salt mix. They applied three tons of cold patch.

The department hauled 16 tons of limestone. There were no burials or cremations. They poured zero head stone foundations. There was one culvert installation.

Fire Report:

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

Damascus Fire Department responded to 49 out of 49 calls for the month of April:

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28 medical calls (Goshen – 9, Butler – 3, Berlin – 1, Sebring – 5, Beloit – 4, Winona – 5, North Georgetown - 1),
3 MVA with injuries (Goshen – 2, Winona – 1),
1 Unauthorized Burn (Goshen),
2 Gas Leaks (Goshen – 2),
1 Lift Assist (Butler),
4 Trees/Wires Down (Goshen – 3, Butler – 1),
1 Fire Investigation (Goshen),
2 Wrong Location / No Incident (Goshen – 2),
6 Dispatched / Canceled en route (Goshen – 2, Green – 1, Butler – 1, Deerfield – 1),
1 Structure Fire (Green),
1 Inspection (Goshen)

The department had 135 training hours.

Police Report:

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

Goshen:	8,342 miles driven with 416 events
Green:	7,322 miles driven with 321 events

The Detective Bureau has 50 total open cases with 36 being new and 10 recently closed cases. The Juvenile Detective Bureau has 4 active cases with zero being new and 14 recently closed cases.

Detect Alarm is currently installing the camera system in the admin building and the road department buildings. The installation should be complete by the end of the week.

On Saturday the 11th the police department had mandatory training on CPR, First Aid, Narcan, and Stop the Bleed. This training will be good for two years.

Bricker made a motion to accept the resignation of Jessica Morris as Administrative Assistant. Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried.

Trustee Items:

The administration and Police chief reviewed the proposed SRO contract and agreed to forward it to West Branch's attorney for approval.

RESOLUTION 2024-0514-01

Resolution to proceed with Duck Creek Road Project. Mesler moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

The trustees signed the Memorandum of Understanding to use the sales tax money for South Duck Creek road.

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Mesler recommended paving farther north on Duck Creek road as the township's OPWC project for next year. He is waiting to hear back from Engineer Dave Bakalar to see how far we can pave and stay below the threshold of \$75,000 for OPWC.

RESOLUTION 2024-0514-02

Resolution to apply to OPWC for Duck Creek Road Project Phase 2. Mesler moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Mesler made a motion to accept Thomas Fok & Associates Engineering Services Proposal for South Duck Creek Road resurfacing. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Mesler, Stratton. Motion carried.

The trustees signed the proposal.

The trustees received a tire complaint from resident at Colonial Village. Stratton visited property and attempted to make contact.

Mesler followed up on a complaint about a gas meter near the corner of Rte 534 and Garfield Road. The gas company installed a new meter.

Bricker expressed concern over the length of time spent with a funeral last Saturday. The township currently charges an extra \$200 for Saturday burials, and an extra \$100 for burials arriving after 2pm.

At 6:44pm, Stratton made a motion to go in to Executive Session to discuss hiring an administrative assistant for the Police Department, and invited Barratt and Calko, with possible action to follow. Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Stratton, Bricker. Motion carried.

At 7:04pm, Mesler made a motion to resume meeting, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Motion carried.

Bricker made a motion to advertise for a part-time administrative assistant for the Police Department, hours and pay to be negotiated. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Mesler, Bricker. Motion carried.

Ads will be placed in the Salem News and Alliance Review. The position will also be posted on the website and on the township and police facebook pages.

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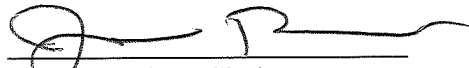
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Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00pm due to special election on the 11th.

With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 7:06pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:



John Bricker, Chairman



Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson



Shawn Mesler, Trustee



Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer