

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

September 11, 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 August 14, 2023 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:

Police Chief John Calko proposed the hiring of a new part-time police officer.

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

A resident expressed their appreciation to the township officials and employees for their work for the township.

Old Business:

The trustees had a work session with Chief Calko and Officer Stanton to evaluate the merit of a canine unit for the township. Calko and Stanton are to compile data for further discussions.

The township received approval to use the OPWC funds to asphalt Stratton Road instead of chip sealing. Township to pay any cost overages.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 81,107.71
Other Warrants	\$ 21,505.17
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 96,760.57</u>
Total	\$ 199,373.45

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

The August 2023 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

The August 2023 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Barratt reported that the township forwarded \$70,000 to the Damascus Fire Department.

John Schumacher purchased lot 84 NW1 in Bunker Hill new cemetery. The trustees signed the certificate of ownership.

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Road Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer reported that in August, 1,460 miles were put on trucks. They used 159 gallons of diesel and 107 gallons of gasoline. There was one weather events and no salt mix was used. They applied no cold patch.

The department hauled 60 tons of 448 asphalt and no limestone. There was one burial and no cremations. They poured no head stone foundations. There were no culvert installations.

Springer is looking for a used boom mower.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief George Vernon submitted the report for August stating there were 15 fire runs and 44 EMS runs.

FIRE:

11 - Goshen
1 - Butler
1 - Beloit
1 - Palmyra
1 - Sebring

EMS:

21 - Goshen
12 - Butler
6 - Beloit
1 - Berlin
2 - Perry
2 - Sebring

The department had 86.5 training hours. There was one inspection.

Police Report:

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

Goshen: 6,312 miles driven with 87 events and 205 business checks
Green: 7,336 miles driven with 99 events and 210 business checks
Beloit: 40 events and 117 business checks

Detective Bureau has 24 total open cases, with 11 being new, & 11 recently closed cases. Juvenile Detective has 3 active cases, with one being new, and 8 recently closed cases.

The two new 2023 Ford Expeditions should be here by Friday.

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Parks:

nothing

Trustee Items:

West Branch requested a second School Resource Officer be added. The new contract is for two officers at \$55,000/year each for a total of \$110,000/year. The previous contract was for one officer at \$35,000/year.

RESOLUTION 2023-0911-01

A resolution to sign contract for providing School Resource Officers to West Branch School District. Bricker moved to adopt resolution. Stratton seconded.

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

The Trustees signed the School Resource Officer contract.

The trustees brought up the issue of potential large solar farms within the township. After discussing both sides of the issue, and determining that large solar facilities were not in the best interest of the residents of the Township, **Mesler moved to adopt**

RESOLUTION 2023-0911-02

A resolution requesting the Mahoning County Commissioners adopt a resolution to prohibit construction of any economically significant wind farm, large wind farm or large solar facility in the unincorporated area of Goshen Township. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2023-0911-03

A resolution to prepare and submit application to participate in the Ohio Public works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and to execute contracts as required for Duck Creek Road. Stratton moved, seconded by Bricker. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2023-0911-04

A resolution to sign the Memo of Understanding with the Mahoning County Engineer to use the ¼% sales tax money for Duck Creek Road. Bricker moved, seconded by Stratton. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Stratton thanked Matt Springer, Adam Corll, and John Calko for their work on the display at the Canfield Fair.

Stratton reported that the property on Diagonal Road will go to online Sheriff's Sale at a date yet to be determined.

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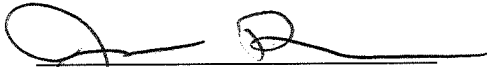
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Adjournment:


Stratton made a motion to change the next regular meeting to Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00pm. Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Motion carried.

With no further business to conduct, Bricker moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:



John Bricker, Chairman

Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson

Shawn Mesler, Trustee

Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer