

2025 Year-End Meeting of Goshen Township Trustees

January 13, 2026

The meeting was called 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 Regular Meeting of December 9, 2025 were presented as distributed.

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

Public Comment/Special Guests:

Resident complimented road crew for the good job of keeping roads clear.

Old Business:

None

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 107,280.91
Other Payments	<u>\$ 100,557.26</u>
Total	\$ 207,838.17

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

The December 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.
The December 2025 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

RESOLUTION 2026-0113-01

The final budget for 2025:

Starting balance	\$ 1,213,530.94	
Income	\$ 2,230,795.36	
Expenses	\$ 2,085,931.62	
Fund balance adjustment	<u>\$ 273.90</u>	(re-issue a check that employee lost)
Ending balance	\$ 1,358,668.58	

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

RESOLUTION 2026-0113-02

Resolution authorizing the fiscal officer to move funds within the fund level.

Moved by Mesler seconded by Stratton. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026-0113-03

Resolution providing health care premium payments.

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Moved by Stratton, seconded by Mesler. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler.
Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026-0113-04

Resolution authorizing fiscal officer to request advances from county auditor.

Moved by Mesler, seconded by Bricker. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler.
Resolution adopted.

Barratt stated that 2026 was the year for the township's audit.

Bricker made a motion to make Barratt the designee for Goshen Township for the audit and to sign the MOU between Balestra & Company, the state auditor and Goshen Township for the audit. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried.

Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Adam Corll reported that in December, 2,380 miles were put on trucks. They used 220 gallons of diesel and 162 gallons of gasoline. There were 10 weather events and they used 90 tons salt mix. They applied no cold patch.

The department hauled no limestone. There was one burial and no cremations. They poured zero head stone foundations. There were no culvert installations.

The road crew has been preparing for the next snow storm.

Fire Report:

Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer April Thorne submitted the report for December 2025 and the year end report.

Damascus Fire Department responded to 44 out of 45 calls for the month of December and performed one inspection

The Department had 110 training hours in December.

Police Report:

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

Goshen:	7,170 miles driven with 386 events
Green:	6,997 miles driven with 380 events

Calko provided 2025 year-end reports for Drug Law Enforcement Fund (2221) and Law Enforcement Fund (2908)

Calko gave the Administration copies of the year end report.

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Trustee Items:

Bricker made a motion to sign the Fire Contract with Damascus Fire Department. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker; ABSTAIN – Mesler. Motion carried.

Bricker made a motion to apply for a new equipment grant from the Sate Fire Marshall on behalf of the Damascus Fire Department. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton. Mesler abstained. Motion carried.

Mesler made a motion to sign the Thomas Fok & Associates contract for their engineering services for Diagonal Road. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Motion carried.

The trustees signed the contract.

Mesler read the proposed dates of the legal advertisement schedule:

- 1st Adv = Tuesday February 17, 2026
- 2nd Adv = Tuesday February 24, 2026
- Bids Due = Tuesday March 10, 2026 at 2pm Goshen Township Police Department
- Bids Open = Tuesday March 10, 2026 at 6pm at Goshen Township Trustees

FOK will add a sentence to the Legal Notice stating that the project will not commence until July 21, 2026 and that it shall be completed by August 21, 2026.

Bricker made a motion to approve dates. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Stratton, Bricker. motion carried.

Mesler made a motion to move forward and sign the addendum to the police contract with Green for \$38,500 / month. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Mesler, Stratton. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

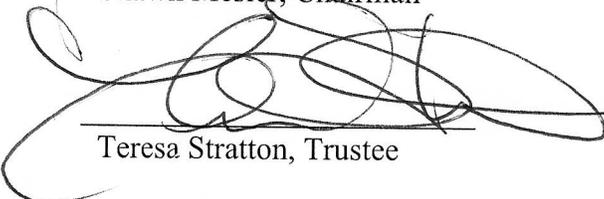
The 2026 Reorganizational Meeting will begin immediately following this meeting.

With no further business to conduct, Bricker moved, seconded by Stratton to close the Year-End Meeting at 6:24 pm. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Motion carried.

Attest:


Shawn Mesler, Chairman


John Bricker, Vice Chairperson


Teresa Stratton, Trustee


Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer