

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

June 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Trustees John Bricker, Teresa Stratton, Shawn Mesler, and Fiscal Officer Michele Barratt were present.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes of the regular meeting of 05-08-2023 and the special meeting of 05-26-2023 were presented as distributed.

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

Guests / Public Comment:

Bricker welcomed David Bakalar, Project Engineer from Thomas Fok and Associates. Stratton opened two bids for the Stratton Road project:

Geauga Highway Asphalt Paving	\$89,358.41
Specialized Construction Inc.	\$124,425.50

Bakalar said it should take about two weeks for the bids to be reviewed by the Prosecutor's office.

Guest Beverly Carney asked why the board was all of a sudden wanting to sell the park donated by the Delzell family in Damascus by the pizza shop. Mesler, responded that the Board was not hot to sell, but had been approached by an individual wanting to purchase the park. In consideration of that, the Board had requested resident input at the last meeting.

Carney talked about the importance of the Delzell family in Damascus. Property owner Justin Biery stated that the pizza shop owner wanted to have some concerts in the park and had asked who the owner was.

Another guest expressed her desire for the township to keep the park in honor of the Delzell family.

Bricker thanked everyone for their input.

Old Business:

The officer requesting the canine unit is currently on military leave. Further discussion is tabled until further notice.

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Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 77,052.22
Warrants	\$ 262.50
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 27,974.57</u>
Total	\$ 105,289.29

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

The May 2023 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.
The May VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Barratt reported that the township received a \$500 MORE grant, \$1000 police grant, and \$1500 NOPEC grant.

Barratt requested a motion to sign public depository agreement with Farmers Bank.

MOTION by Stratton, seconded by Mesler to sign the depository agreement with Farmers National Bank. Voting YES – Mesler, Stratton, Bricker... motion carried

The cost of the two new police cruisers with outfitting and graphics came in over budget by approximately \$24,000. After discussion with Chief Calko, Barratt requested motions to re-allocate police training funds and use some of the Law Enforcement Trust fund and the Drug Law Enforcement Fund to pay for the over budget amount, and to create two new appropriation accounts for the capital expenditure (2221-760-750-0323 in Drug Law Enforcement fund and 2908-760-750-0323 in the Law Enforcement fund).

Mesler made a motion to create appropriation account 2221-760-750-0323 in the Drug Law Enforcement fund for capital expenditures and transfer \$15,000 from that fund's other expenses account to the newly created account. Bricker seconded motion. Voting YES – Bricker, Mesler, Stratton...motion carried

Stratton made a motion to create appropriation account 2908-760-750-0323 in the Law Enforcement fund for capital expenditures and transfer \$5,000 from that fund's other expenses account to the newly created account. Bricker seconded motion. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton...motion carried

Trustees signed two purchase orders to use the above funds.

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Stratton made a motion to re-allocate \$4000 from the police body camera fund 2081-210-599-0311 to capital outlay fund 2081-760-790-0323. Mesler seconded. Voting YEA – Stratton, Mesler, Bricker... motion carried

Trustees signed purchase order to use above funds.

Road Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer reported that in May, 1,132 miles were put on trucks. They used 123 gallons of diesel and 137 gallons of gasoline. There were no weather events and no salt mix was used. They applied 1 ton of cold patch. There was one burial.

The department hauled 14 tons of limestone and no washed stone. There was one culvert installation.

Bricker asked about when we would be getting the truck back that is in for repairs. Springer did not have a date as they are still waiting on parts.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief George Vernon submitted the report for May stating there were 14 fire runs and 39 EMS runs.

FIRE:

4 - Goshen

3 - Butler

1 - Sebring

6 - Salem

EMS:

25 - Goshen

12 - Butler

1 - Beloit

1 - Sebring

The department had 38 training hours. There were two inspections.

Stratton asked what the inspections were for. Vernon responded that one was for an addition that was being put on, and one was for a business moving in to a new location.

Stratton asked if Vernon had been able to attend meeting at Eagles. Vernon had not yet been able to attend.

Police Report:

Police Chief John Calko presented the stats for the month of May: 14,402 miles driven

Goshen: 375 events

Green: 290 events

Beloit: 96 events

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Detective Bureau – 21 total open cases with 11 being new and 9 recently closed cases.
Juvenile Detective Bureau – 1 active case with 0 being new and 11 recently closed cases.

Calko reported that the Police Association had disbanded and had donated approximately \$4000 to the Department.

The new body armor vests are in and the officers have received them. Purchase was partially funded by the \$4,109.70 that we received from the State of Ohio BPV Grant.

The two new 2023 Ford Expeditions are on site and awaiting upfitting and graphics.

Calko thanked the Board of Trustees for the support of the 2023 Community/Safety Day that was held on June 3rd along with the annual Fire vs. Police softball game. We had a great turnout. The Red Cross thanked us and said they will participate in next year's event.

Mesler had been to a meeting where it was advised that any questions pertaining to revisions to Marsy's Law should be directed to the Prosecutor's Office. Calko and his staff have had training on the new revisions.

Calko and Mesler will be attending meeting at 9am tomorrow at West Branch High School to discuss security.

Parks:

nothing

Trustee Items:

Mesler reported that our Morton salt price for 2024 will be \$51.17 through ODOT.

Stratton advised residents that in order to trim trees, First Energy will be flying over in the upcoming days.

Stratton contacted the Mahoning County Land Bank about the property in the township disrepair. Since there are no back taxes due on the property, there is nothing that they can do.

Mesler said that the cemetery in Damascus may be burning some brush.

Bricker thanked Calko for the work that he and his department did to make Community/Safety Day a success.

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Bricker said that the paving of Rte 165 should be completed by the end of the week.

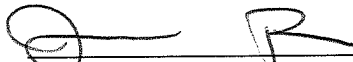
Mesler reminded residents that reflective address number plates are very helpful to EMS. Plates can be ordered through the township.

Adjournment:

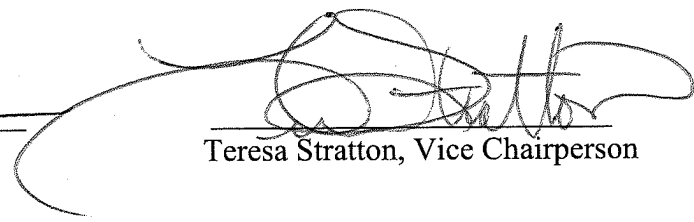
The next regular meeting will be on July 11 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 7:37pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:



John Bricker, Chairman



Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson

EXCUSED

Shawn Mesler, Trustee



Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer