

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

February 14, 2022

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

Approve Minutes:

Minutes of January 3rd Year-End meeting were presented. Motion by Bricker, seconded by Mesler, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Minutes of the January 3rd Reorganizational meeting were presented. Motion by Stratton, seconded by Mesler, to approve these minutes as distributed. All voted YES.

Approve Bills:

(Note: These bills are from January 1st thru this date)

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

Payroll	\$ 85,404.38
Warrants	\$ 10,663.61
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 60,810.24</u>
Total	\$156,878.23

All voted YES.

The January 2022 bank statement is in balance and reviewed by the Trustees.

Four lots were sold at Bunker Hill New Cemetery. Trustees signed the Certificate of Ownership for lots 122 NE1 & NE2 and for lots 125 NW1 & NW2.

Resolution 2022-0214-01 Body Cameras – The police department has received a grant for body cameras. The anticipated income and the anticipated expenses need to be increase \$15,000 to cover these purchases. Goshen will have to pay for the cameras, then be reimbursed by the State of Ohio. Motion to accept this increase by Stratton, seconded by Bricker.

All voted YES.

Road Report:

For January, 2,336 miles were put on trucks, 269 gallons of diesel and 123 gallons of gasoline were used, there was one burial, and twelve (12) weather event where 118 tons of salt mix was spread.

Matt thanked the Trustees for the retirement party given Recycling Coordinator Paul Manypenny which was well attended. He also asked residents to save their scrap steel until a hopper is ordered in the spring. Scrap steel left on the ground causes problems when the recycling area is plowed and trucks run over the steel.

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Fire Report:

Shawn announced that the Damascus Fire Department has elected George Vernon as the new Fire Chief.

Motion by Stratton, seconded by Bricker, to appoint Mr. Vernon as the Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) for the year 2022. Bricker-YES, Stratton-YES, Mesler-abstain

Fire Chief George Vernon submitted a report for January stating there were 8 fire runs and 33 EMS runs - 18 in Goshen, 4 in Butler, and 11 others. The department had 72 training hours. There were no inspections.

The department has been awarded a grant allowing them to replace one half of their air packs and another grant for radio replacement onto the MARC system.

Police Report:

For the month of January, for: 14,479 miles driven

Goshen:	224 events
Green:	274 events
Beloit:	96 events

The 2022 Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services BWC Grant has awarded \$13,250 towards new body cameras. Chief Calko is currently testing one of the new cameras.

The department received a check for \$3070.56 for continuing professional training reimbursement.

The Goshen Police District Police Association has been established. Kevin Ragan-President, Matt Beck-Treasurer, and Katie Osberg-Secretary.

The new police department Facebook page is up and running. The old page has been disabled.

Public Comment:

None

Trustee Mesler:

Shawn reported on his attendance at the OTA conference in Columbus. Spending of ARP monies was discussed, giving townships fewer limitations on how the money can be spent.

Motion by Bricker, seconded by Stratton, to hire April Thorne as a part-time road employee at \$14.00/hr. to do cemetery, park, and administration mowing and to assist the road department as needed

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Stratton:

The annual trustees meeting with the Mahoning County Engineer will take place on March 8th 9:00-13:00.

The township has received \$1500 from NOPEC for the Community Day 2022 event.

Trustee Bricker:

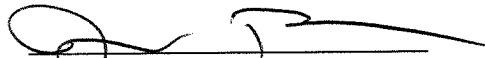
John also attended the OTA conference in Columbus.

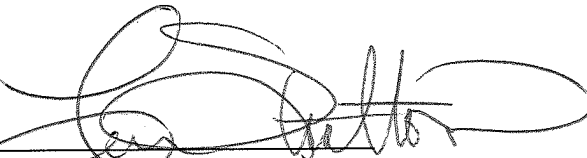
The mileage in the township has been reduced from 19.525 miles to 18.814 miles due to a review of the streets in Damascus. Bricker moved, seconded by Mesler, to accept this change. All voted YES.


John announced that Armstrong is again raising their rates effective March 2022.

Adjournment:

With no further business to conduct, Mrs. Stratton moved, seconded by Mr. Mesler, to adjourn at 7:40pm. All voted YES.



John Bricker, Chairman

Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson

Shawn Mesler, Trustee

Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer