

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

May 8, 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 04-11-2023 were presented as distributed.

**Motion by Stratton, seconded by Mesler, to approve these minutes. All voted YES.**

## Public Comment:

Resident Tom Rhodes expressed his support of the Goshen Township Administration.

## Old Business:

Discussion around changing the Police department uniform allowance disbursement from two separate payments to one lump sum payment resulted in maintaining current policy of two disbursements (May and December).

Officer Stanton presented additional information on the proposed Police Canine Unit. He listed many local Police Departments that currently have canine units or have recently approved them, as well as Universities and Hospitals that using them. Trustees asked about the cost of the program (initial and ongoing) including veterinary costs, food costs, training costs, and officer hours. Trustees will be setting up a work session to further discuss this issue.

Road Foreman Springer provided details about hiring Mcfeely Lawn Care to handle vegetation spraying along guard rail system, township buildings, and Bricker Park. After considering the materials cost, labor, safety issues, and liability of the township doing its own spraying,

**Stratton made a motion to hire Mcfeely Lawn Care. Bricker seconded. All voted YES.**

## Approve Bills:

Barratt said that fiscal reporting will now be by the calendar month (as opposed to meeting date to meeting date) to match other financial documents. This transition report is from April 11 to April 30:

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

Payroll	\$ 71,562.77	
Warrants	\$ 0	
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 16,571.57</u>	
Total	\$ 88,134.34	All voted YES.

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

## Road Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer reported that in April, 1,496 miles were put on trucks. They used 105 gallons of diesel and 117 gallons of gasoline. There were no weather events and no salt mix was used. They applied 2 tons of cold patch. There were no burials.

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

## Fire Report:

Fire Chief George Vernon submitted the report for April stating there were 25 fire runs and 39 EMS runs.

### FIRE:

21 - Goshen  
3 - Butler  
1 - Other

### EMS:

23 - Goshen  
9 - Butler  
3 - Beloit  
1 - Green  
3 - Other

The department had 28 training hours. There were two inspections.

Resident Randy Fast is involved with the Fraternal Order of Eagles who donate to both Beloit and Perry Township Fire Departments. He invited Vernon to attend a meeting.

## Police Report:

Police Chief John Calko presented the stats for the month of March: 15,218 miles driven

Goshen: 371 events  
Green: 265 events  
Beloit: 98 events

Calko ordered two new sets of AED pads and batteries.

The Police Department has been awarded the BPV (Bullet-Proof Vest) grant through the state of Ohio. This 80/20 matching grant will provide \$4109.70 towards the purchase of 4 new bullet-proof vests.

The 2023 Community/Safety Day will be held on June 3 from 11am to 2pm. The annual softball game will follow at 4pm.

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## Parks:

nothing

## Trustee Items:

Mesler said that we are getting close to finalizing the OPWC project of re-surfacing Stratton Road (project cannot start until after July 1). We need to decide if we want to apply for next year's grant. If so, we need to get traffic counts. Potential projects are Duck Creek Road and/or Malmsberry Road. Bricker recommended getting traffic counts for both roads. Mesler will get them set up.

Trustees would like to use the money from the county sales tax for our share of the Stratton Road project.

Mesler received a call from a local business owner in Damascus who is interested in purchasing the small piece of property that the township owns near the corner of Rte. 534 and 62. Springer said that the township maintains this property (mowing, emptying trash, repairs) at an approximate annual cost of \$600- \$800. When Mesler asked for public comment, the response was that the property was thought to be part of the neighboring business. Speculation is that most residents do not even realize this is a township park. The issue of whether or not to sell this property will be discussed at next month's meeting. The trustees invited the public to comment.

There was a post on the township Facebook page regarding condition of some properties. Since Goshen township is not zoned, there is not much the trustees can do about how a property owner maintains their property without getting the Health Department or Land Bank involved. Stratton has already contacted the health department about one property. Resident asked if there is a maximum number of unregistered vehicles allowed on an individual's property. Stratton replied that there is not.

Mesler said the paving of Duck Creek road should be finished tomorrow. Also, that there will be disruptions to traffic on Rte. 165 between Rte. 14 and 46.

Stratton reported that we have been approved for the NOPEC grant and the funds will be automatically deposited in to checking account.

Bricker said they have been receiving a lot of calls about NOPEC and Ohio Edison. The township is unable to advise, but he recommended that home owners should do their homework.

Stratton attended the Eastgate virtual meeting last week

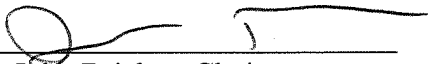
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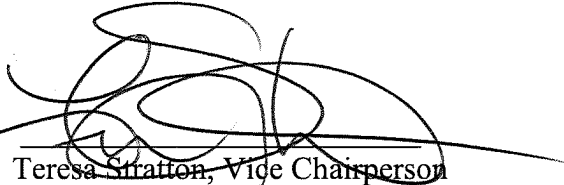
**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting will be on June 12 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 7:58pm. All voted YES.



John Bricker, Chairman



Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson



Shawn Mesler, Trustee



Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer