

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

April 8, 2025

Trustee Chair Shawn Mesler called the meeting 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 March 11, 2025 regular meeting were presented as distributed.

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

Public Comment/Special Guests:

Bob McCracken said that NOPEC will be sending out anniversary letters to customers in April. He expects electric prices to keep climbing. NOPEC's 24/7 customer care center phone number is 855-667-32010.

Resident Rhodes asked if we had heard back from the County Commissioners about their meeting here. Mesler said that the tentative date was next month at 5pm on June 10 before the township's regular monthly meeting.

Resident Knoedler asked about the lighting assessment fund status. Barratt replied that the township has increased the assessment for the last two years in order to keep up with the rising electricity costs. McCracken said that he may be able to lower the lighting bill. Knoedler also asked if the Damascus Fire Department was able to pay their bills after the approval of last year's levy. Barratt replied that she had just transferred \$90,000 to the DFD, and that DFD would be the contact for their budget and cash flow information. Knoedler presented a list proposed changes to the website for the trustees' review. Knoedler asked about paving within the township. Mesler responded that we have been able to pave more since the 1/4 % sales tax passed.

Old Business:

Mesler reached out to the Mahoning County Commissioners and they are tentatively going to hold their June 10th meeting at Goshen at 5pm.

Approve Bills:

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

Electronic payments	\$ 45,705.38
Payroll	\$ 78,559.84
Other Warrants	\$ 1,211.10
Total	\$ 125,476.32

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

The March 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

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The March 2025 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Barratt reported that the township made a transfer to the Damascus Fire Department from recent advances from the county – \$90,000.

Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Adam Corll reported that in March, 1397 miles were put on trucks. They used 109 gallons of diesel and 110 gallons of gasoline. There were no weather events and they used no salt mix.

There were no burials and no cremations. They poured one head stone foundation. There were no culvert installations. They applied one ton of cold patch and used 16 tons of limestone.

RESOLUTION 2025-0408-03

A resolution to participate in ODOT road salt contracts for 2024-2025 requesting 175 tons. Mesler moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

Police Report:

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

Goshen:	8,028 miles driven with 367 events
Green:	7,164 miles driven with 388 events

The new F150 police cruiser was picked up on April 7 and is currently in service.

Calko requested a motion to hire Mitchell Sauerwein as a full-time patrolman.

Bricker made requested motion. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Mesler, Bricker. Motion carried.

Mitchell Sauerwein was sworn in by Trustee Mesler.

RESOLUTION 2025-0408-01

A resolution to charge \$5 for golf cart inspections. Bricker moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2025-0408-04

A resolution to charge for police video redactions. Bricker moved, Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

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Fire Report:

Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer April Thorne submitted the report for March.

Damascus Fire Department responded to 48 out of 48 calls for the month of March:

- 25 medical calls (Goshen – 12, Butler – 9, Winona – 1, Sebring – 1, North Georgetown – 1, Perry - 1)
- 3 MVA with injuries (Goshen – 1, Sebring – 1, Butler - 1),
- 1 MVA without injuries (Goshen - 1),
- 2 Trees/Wires Down (Goshen – 1, Butler - 1),
- 2 Structure Fires (Beloit – 1, Ellsworth - 1),
- 1 Vehicle Fire (Goshen – 1),
- 2 Fire Alarm (Goshen – 2),
- 1 Lift Assist (Goshen – 1),
- 2 Burning Complaint (Goshen – 1, Green – 1),
- 6 Brush Fire (Butler – 2, Goshen -2, Sebring – 1, Deerfield – 1),
- 1 Chimney Fire (Winona – 1),
- 2 Animal Problems (Butler – 2).

The department had 149.5 training hours in March.

Trustee Items:

The trustees reviewed the updated Road Department handbook.

Mesler made a motion to approve the revised Road Department Handbook. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried.

Stratton made a motion to accept the resignation of Road Foreman Matt Springer. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-0408-02

A resolution to sign lease agreement with Solid Waste Management District for recycling center. Mesler moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

Mesler said it was time to get traffic counts for potential OPWC projects. Bricker suggested Duck Creek Road between 165 and Pine Lake, and Diagonal Road between Middle town and Duck Creek. Mesler suggested South Smith Goshen Road between Garfield and Rte 62. Mesler said the pre-application for OPWC is due in August.

Bricker made a motion to get traffic counts on the three roads. Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Motion carried.

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Heritage Coop purchased some properties in Garfield and are requesting that an alley be vacated. Mesler talked to Attorney Hanoi who said that it is a lengthy process. Bricker is not opposed to vacating the alley as long as it does not cost the township anything.

Stratton made a motion to schedule a special meeting for Thursday, April 17 at 9am to hire new road employee. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Mesler, Stratton. Motion carried.

Stratton said the township will be receiving some money from NOPEC.

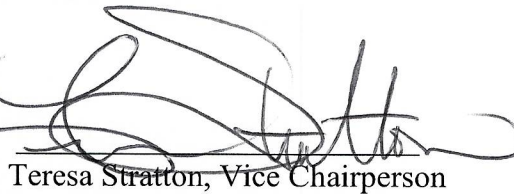
Adjournment:

There will be a special meeting on Thursday, April 17 at 9am to hire new road employee. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:


John Bricker, Chairman


Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson


Shawn Mesler, Trustee


Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer