

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

March 13, 2023

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

## Approve Minutes:

Minutes of the regular meeting of 02-13-2023 were presented as distributed.

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

## Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 73,951.11	
Warrants	\$ 1,531.63	
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 33,545.49</u>	
Total	\$ 109,028.23	Both voted YES.

The February 2023 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

The February VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

We sold 12 lots in East Goshen New cemetery. The trustees signed the Certificate of Ownership for Ground Internment Rights.

Fiscal Office Thomas Knoedler reported that he has been talking with representatives from an AT&T provider who is offering to increase the internet speed in the building while reducing the monthly bill by approximately \$50 if we sign a three-year contract. Mesler made a motion to accept the contract. Stratton seconded. Both voted YES.

Knoedler reported that payments from the Schoolhouse Stitchers have been arriving late, and that there is no contract with them. A representative from the Schoolhouse Stitchers said that they have the funds and they are agreeable to setting up a payment schedule and signing a contract.

## Road Report:

In February, 1,449 miles were put on trucks, 109 gallons of diesel and 154 gallons of gasoline were used. There was one weather event. They used 3 tons of salt mix and applied 2 tons of cold patch. There was one burial..

The department hauled 4 tons of limestone and one ton of washed stone. There was one culvert installation and 31 road signs replaced.

Matt Springer proposed hiring Mcfeely Lawn Care to control the vegetation along certain sections of the roads in the township. Trustees will review information and discuss at the upcoming special meeting.

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Springer also presented information for a road sweeping service to be used once a year in certain neighborhood areas. Trustees will review information and discuss at the upcoming special meeting.

## **Fire Report:**

Fire Chief George Vernon submitted the report for February stating there were 9 fire runs and 27 EMS runs.

### FIRE:

3 – Goshen

0 – Butler

3 – East Palestine

3 – Other

### EMS:

17 - Goshen

8 - Butler

0 - Beloit

2 – Other

The department had 32 training hours. There were no inspections.

Chief Vernon reminded everyone of the State of Ohio burning ban from 6am – 6pm for March, April, and May.

With the recent time change, Vernon also reminded everyone to change the batteries in smoke detectors.

Stratton asked about decontaminating the trucks that were recently used in East Palestine. Vernon said they have hired a professional company to complete the decontamination process.

## **Police Report:**

For the month of January: 13,450 miles driven

Goshen: 280 events

Green: 256 events

Beloit: 90 events

Chief Calko requested a motion to promote Officer Hoyle West to the rank of Detective to fill the void created when Lt. McBride was promoted. Mesler made a motion to promote Officer Hoyle West to the rank of Detective at the request of the police chief. Stratton seconded. Both voted YES.

Calko requested a motion to accept Policy #249.1 Drug fund and 249.2 Law Enforcement Fund which would allow the department to use the funds in these accounts for the community and the police department. Stratton made a motion to accept the two policies. Mesler seconded. Both voted YES.

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

## **Parks:**

nothing

## **Public Comment:**

Resident Randy Fast asked if the township has a hard copy of the Ohio Revised Code on site and what sources are used for reference during decision making. Mesler stated that the Ohio Revised Code is online and is updated frequently. Stratton stated that the township gets guidance from the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office and the Ohio Township Association.

Resident Tom Rhodes encouraged everyone to attend the Damascus Fire Department Annual Night at the Races fundraiser on Saturday, April 22 at 6pm.

Rhodes noted that tonight's meeting would be Fiscal Officer Thomas Knoedler's last regular meeting before he retires at the end of the month and thanked Knoedler for all his hard work for the township over the years. Stratton said there will be a retirement celebration for Knoedler on Monday, March 27 at 11:30am in the township building. All are welcome.

## **Trustee Mesler:**

Trustee Mesler reported that the township is eligible to apply for a grant for road signs.

Mesler gave a recap of the recent Mahoning County townships meeting with the County Engineer:

- Bridge will be replaced on Middletown road just East of Stratton Road (funded by the county commissioners)
- Update to waste water plant in Damascus
- State to pave Rte 165 from Rte 14 to Rte 46
- State to pave Rte 534 from Rte 165 to just north of Middletown Rd.
- State to chip seal Rte 534 from Rte 62 to Rte 165
- County to pave Diagonal Rd. from Rte 165 to Duck Creek Rd.
- County to pave Duck Creek from Diagonal Rd. to Calla Rd.
- Township to chip seal w/Onyx coating Stratton Rd from Calla to Western Reserve Rd.
- Township to try to do some repairs to Malmsberry Rd.

West Branch Hot Stove has requested to use the field behind the township building. Mesler made a motion to allow them to use the field. Stratton seconded. Both voted YES.

## **Trustee Stratton:**

Trustee Stratton asked if the portable restroom was at the park yet. Springer stated that it was not. Stratton will call CJ's Port A Potty to get it set up.

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## Adjournment:

Mesler made a motion to hold a special meeting on Monday, March 27 at 11:00 am to

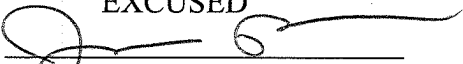
- accept resignation of current Fiscal Officer and appoint new Fiscal Officer
- discuss sweeping of roads and spraying of vegetation along roads
- discuss Memo of Understanding regarding disbursement of sales tax levy money

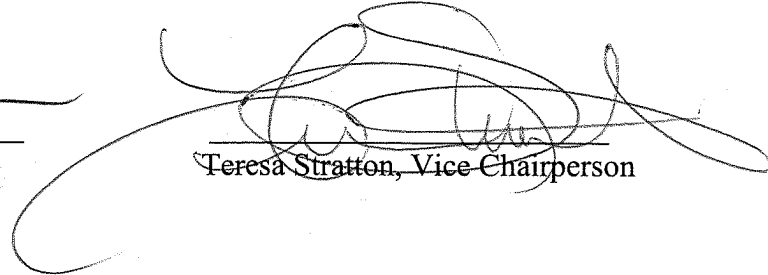
Stratton seconded. Both voted YES.


The next regular meeting will be on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 7:43pm. Both voted YES.

EXCUSED

  
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John Bricker, Chairman

  
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Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson

  
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Shawn Mesler, Trustee

RETIRED  
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Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer