

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

April 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Trustees John Bricker, Teresa Stratton, and Shawn Mesler and Fiscal Officer Michele Barratt were present.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes of the March 12 regular meeting and March 20 special meeting were presented as distributed.

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

Public Comment/Special Guests:

Trustee Mesler swore in 10 Police Officers as Constables - Dylan Davin, Steven Stanton, Hoyle West, Trevor, Zachary Hodgson, Anthony Pilolli, James Dubiel, John Calko, Ryan McBride, and Domenico Marchionda

Old Business:

The recycling sub-lease was tabled waiting on response from Damascus Fire Department.

The trustees decided to declare the flail mower as surplus equipment and advertise for sealed bids of at least \$2500 to be received at the township no later than noon on Monday, May 13, 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024-0409-01

Resolution to declare flail mower as surplus equipment. Trustee Bricker moved, seconded by Trustee Stratton. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Stratton has not been able to get in touch with the property owner at the corner of Duck Creek Road and Rte 62.

Stratton reported that the property owner at the corner of Garfield Rd. and Seacrist Rd. has trimmed the shrubs and the visibility is improved.

Stratton reported that the property on 14 formerly home to Petrucci's restaurant has been purchased and is going to be home to a farm market.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 120,055.66
Other Warrants	\$ 764.96
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 42,033.02</u>
Total	\$ 162,853.64

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

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The March 2024 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.
The March 2024 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

On April 2, the township transferred \$40,000 to Damascus Fire Department.

Eastgate Regional Council of Governments is conducting a survey about the safety of our roadways. Barratt put a link on the township website for residents to use to access the survey.

Barratt reported that the township received a check for \$43,708 from OTARMA for the damaged cruiser. She repaid the advance that the General Fund had advanced to the Police Fund to purchase the replacement vehicle.

Barratt completed an Amended Certificate of Resources (needed due to MARCS grant, Beloit contract, and insurance check) and will be filing it with the county auditor.

RESOLUTION 2024-0409-02

Resolution to decrease revenue for Police Fund 2081 by \$30,000 due to non-renewal of Beloit contract. Mesler moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Barratt met with the prosecutor's office earlier today to discuss cemetery form that she originally presented at earlier meeting.

Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer reported that in March, 1,589 miles were put on trucks. They used 204 gallons of diesel and 127 gallons of gasoline. There was one weather event and they used 2 tons of salt mix.

The department hauled zero tons of limestone. There was one burial and one cremation. They poured zero head stone foundations. There were no culvert installations.

Springer reported that a batch of cemetery footers will be poured soon.

Fire Report:

Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer April Thorne submitted the report for March 2024.

Damascus Fire Department responded to 33 out of 34 calls for the month of March:

- 2 fire alarms (Goshen - 1, Butler - 1),
- 1 brush fire (Goshen),
- 1 wires/tree down (Goshen),
- 1 carbon monoxide investigation (Butler),

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24 medical calls (Goshen – 14, Butler – 9, Smith – 1 (by request)),
4 mutual aid medical calls (2 Structure Fires (Green – 1, Winona – 1), 1 MVA w/out injuries
(North Georgetown), 1 Medical (Beloit))

The department had 218.5 training hours (EVOC, EMS, hydrant pumps, sprinklers, church tour).

Police Report:

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

Goshen:	7,465 miles driven with 83 events and 291 business checks
Green:	7,240 miles driven with 93 events and 209 business checks
Beloit:	28 events and 11 business checks

The Detective Bureau has 24 total open cases with 24 being new and 42 recently closed cases.
The Juvenile Detective Bureau has 4 active cases with 2 being new and 10 recently closed cases.

Calko reviewed 4 quotes that he received from 4 security camera installers to update the system in the township buildings. The current camera system in the administration building is 22 years old.

Car #3 is at Sarchione Ford to get a new alternator installed.

Mesler made a motion to accept the proposal from Detect Alarm Systems. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Motion carried.

Trustee Items:

West Branch Schools had requested a Memo of Understanding to take the place of the current contract. The Administration reviewed it with the Prosecutor's Office and is submitting requested changes to them for their assessment.

Mesler reported that the young wrestlers who rented the gym this year would like to rent it again next year. The trustees tabled this until next month's meeting.

Our desk officer put in her two-week notice. Calko stated that if he could schedule himself for two administration days per week, he could pick up her responsibilities. The trustees are going to consider this and discuss further at next month's meeting.

Mesler reported that the tentative dates for paving Malmsberry Road and Smith Goshen Road are the end of May or beginning of June.

Smith Goshen Road will be closed at the railroad crossing from April 22 – 26.

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Adjournment:


The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:00pm.

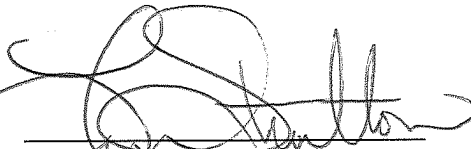
Barratt stated that the regular June meeting date of 6/11/24 is the Special Congressional General Election day and recommended moving the meeting to the week before or after.


Mesler made a motion to change the date of the regular June meeting from the 11th to the 4th due to the Special Election. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Mesler, Barratt. Motion carried.

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