

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

March 12, 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 February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting and February 26, 2024 Special Meeting were presented as distributed.

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

Public Comment/Special Guests:

Resident Tom Rhodes encouraged everyone to remember to vote on March 19.

Old Business:

Stratton reported that the new owners of the Petrucci's property have started mowing.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 76,004.00
Other Warrants	\$ 44,992.05
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 58,581.43</u>
Total	\$ 179,577.48

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

The February 2024 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

The February 2024 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

The township enrolled in the township education subscription for online webinars and will be reimbursed from the county township association.

The Ohio Department of Commerce has a Cable TV Consumer Hotline (877) 207-2225 that can help residents with cable tv related complaints such as who owns a down cable line, billing disputes, picture quality, equipment malfunctions, and many other cable tv related concerns.

The township transferred \$10,000 to the Damascus Fire Department from a property tax advance from the county auditor.

Barratt reported that the township received the check for \$39,693.40 for the MARCS grant for the Damascus Fire Department. This requires an adjustment to the budget and the creation of a new appropriations fund 2111-220-420-000 operating supplies. Barratt proposed resolution 2024-0312-02 to increase revenue and all other expenditures by \$39,693.40.

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RESOLUTION 2024-0312-02

A resolution to increase revenue and appropriations for Fire Fund 211 by \$39,693.40 (MARCS Grant). Bricker moved, seconded by Stratton. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Calko reported that the township should be receiving a check from insurance company for \$43,958.00 for the 2021 Ford Explorer that was involved in the roll over crash on February 22. The trustees discussed using ARPA funds to pay for the outfitting of the new replacement cruiser.

RESOLUTION 2024-0312-01

A resolution to use ARPA funds to outfit new police cruiser. Mesler moved, seconded by Stratton. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer reported figures for February, 2024. In February, 1404 miles were put on trucks. They used 130 gallons of diesel and 83 gallons of gasoline. There was one weather events and 12 tons of salt mix was used. They applied two tons of cold patch.

The department hauled 4 tons of limestone. There were no burials or cremations. They poured zero head stone foundations. There were two culvert installations.

Springer reminded everyone that cemetery clean up day is this Friday, March 15.

Fire Report:

Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer April Thorne submitted the report for February stating that the department responded to 38 out of 38 calls for the month:

- 2 structure fires (Goshen – 1, Butler - 1),
- 2 fire alarm (Goshen – 1, Butler - 1),
- 1 burn complaint (Goshen),
- 3 2 brush fires (Goshen – 2, Butler -1),
- 3 motor vehicle accidents without injuries (Goshen – 3),
- 22 medical (Goshen – 9, Butler – 12, Smith – 1 (by request)),
- 5 mutual aid
 - 2 structure fire (Beloit – 1, Winona – 1),
 - 1 brush fire (Berlin),
 - 1 MVA with injuries (Green Twp),
 - 1 medical (Sebring)

The department had 77 training hours, including mandatory training regarding protocol changes from UH. EPI use for EMT's will no longer be auto-inject pens. It is now drawn and injected IM via syringe.

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Police Report:

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

Goshen:	7,041 miles driven with 80 events and 218 business checks
Green:	7,057 miles driven with 69 events and 180 business checks
Beloit:	32 events and 50 business checks

The Police Department received a grant from the state of Ohio to purchase new Body Armor to replace 4 vests that are expiring in 2025. \$3,013.65 will be received to go towards the purchase of the vests.

Calko has received 3 of the four security camera installer estimates.

Calko has reached out to 3 electrical contractors to get estimates on installing a generator at the administration building.

Trustee Items:

Trustee Mesler explained the annual recycling contract and sub-lease with the Damascus Fire Department.

A resident reported that the streetlight was out at the corner of Middle town and Seacrist roads. Mesler has a list of approximately ten that are out in the township and will add this one to the list that he will be submitting.

Mesler reminded residents of the recent time change and that it is time to replace batteries in their smoke detectors.

Trustee Bricker is concerned about dumping at the corner of Duck Creek and Rte 62. Thorne said that the fire department had a call for burning at that location. Trustee Stratton is going to visit the property owners.

Stratton received a complaint about shrubs hindering visibility at the intersection of Garfield and Seacrist Roads. Springer investigated and determined that it was not in the right of way. Stratton will visit the property owner and request that they trim the shrubs.

Bricker asked the fellow trustees for their thoughts on selling the flail mower. Stratton was not opposed to selling. Mesler said that the market value needs to be determined. Springer will research and determine value.

Mesler gave an update on the Eastgate project to improve broadband in the area. They are planning on running fiber all the way to the houses.

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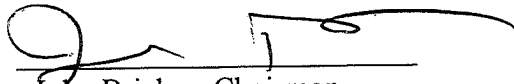
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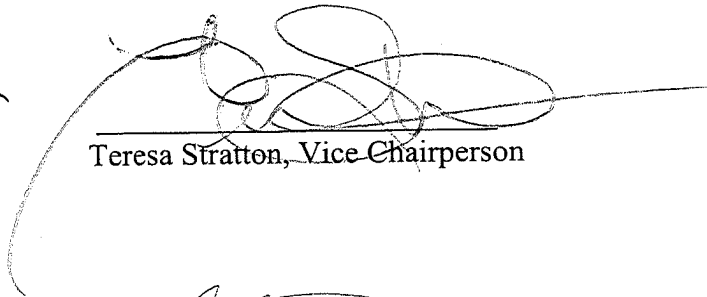
Adjournment:

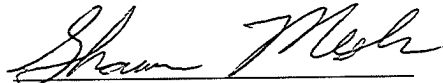
The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:00pm.

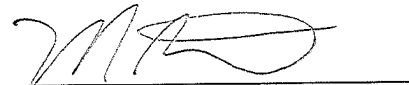
With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 6:38pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:



John Bricker, Chairman

Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson

Shawn Mesler, Trustee

Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer