

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

October 8, 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 September 10 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:

none

## Old Business:

Mesler presented the Contract of Sale for the Damascus property, signed by the resident.

### **RESOLUTION 2024-1008-01**

**A resolution to sell parcel 13-065-0-054.01-0. Bricker moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.**

The trustees signed the contract of sale for the above property

## Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 90,260.66
Other Warrants	\$ 110,741.24
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 29,046.72</u>
Total	\$ 230,048.62

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

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

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

Township received the bill in the amount of \$10,775.51 for the repair of the engine of the International dump truck. Since the ARPA money must be appropriated by the end of the year, the trustees decided to use some of those funds to pay for the repair.

### **RESOLUTION 2024-1008-03**

**A resolution to use ARPA funds for the repair of the International. Mesler moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.**

The trustees discussed participating in the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program and decided to participate to save money and named the trustee chairperson as the designated agent of the township

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## RESOLUTION 2024-1008-02

A resolution to participate in the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. Bricker moved, Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

### Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer was excused from the meeting. Bricker reported that in September, 1432 miles were put on trucks. They used 225 gallons of diesel and 98 gallons of gasoline. There were no weather events and they used no salt mix.

There was one burial and no cremations. They zero head stone foundations. There was one culvert installation. They applied one ton of cold patch and used 2 tons of limestone.

### Fire Report:

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

Damascus Fire Department responded to 60 out of 60 calls for the month of September:

- 28 medical calls (Goshen – 16, Butler – 8, Winona – 1, Beloit – 1, Georgetown – 1, Green - 1),
- 2 MVA with injuries (Goshen – 1, Butler - 1),
- 3 MVA without injuries (Goshen - 3),
- 2 Trees/Wires Down (Goshen – 2),
- 9 False Call/Canceled (Goshen –4, Butler –1, Berlin –1, Perry –1, Winona –1, Georgetown- 1),
- 2 Structure Fires (Perry – 1, Deerfield - 1),
- 2 Unauthorized Burn (Goshen – 2),
- 1 Combine Fire (Goshen – 1),
- 1 Natural Gas Leak (Butler – 1),
- 1 Fire Alarm (Goshen – 1),
- 3 Lift Assist (Goshen – 2, Butler – 1),
- 6 Standby (Beloit – WBHS - 2),
- Mutual Aid (Given – 9, Received – 0)

The department had 36 training hours.

### Police Report:

Police Chief John Calko was excused from the meeting. Mesler presented the stats for the month of September:

Goshen:	7,582 miles driven with 394 events
Green:	8,068 miles driven with 402 events

### Trustee Items:

Mesler reported that the paving of South Duck Creek Road is scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week. Earlier in the week, he and the engineer discussed the transition of the new paving

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to the residents' driveways. The township is going to spend the extra money to have a smoother transition. With this improvement, the project is still under the Engineer's estimate.

Mesler reminded residents of the upcoming time change on November 3 and that it is recommended to change batteries in smoke detectors at that time. This week is Fire Prevention Week. He encouraged residents to have practice fire drills at home, including having a designated place to meet outside.

We are currently under the Annual Burn Ban through the end of November. All burning is prohibited from 6am – 6pm.

Stratton visited the property at the corner of Rte 62 and Seacrist Rd where a large tree is down on a resident's property and neighbors are complaining.

Bunker Hill Church will be holding a bake sale in the lobby of the Administration Building on Election Day.

Bricker met with Mike of Generator Specialists to get an estimate on a backup generator. Mesler has been working with Cardinal Electric to determine what size generator is appropriate.

Bricker has Jason Smith coming tonight to review the Administration Building heating system.

Bricker brought up the subject of fixing the bridge at Bricker Park. Springer told him that \$3500 should cover the cost of materials to fix the bridge. The trustees discussed whether to put in a culvert or repair the bridge. Residents seem to like the bridge and frequently take pictures there, so it was decided to repair the bridge.

## **Adjournment:**

There was discussion about changing the date for next month's meeting since Barratt will be out of town. The trustees decided to keep the date. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00pm.

**With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 6:36 pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried**

Attest:

  
John Bricker, Chairman

  
Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson

  
Shawn Mesler, Trustee

  
Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer