

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

**December 14, 2022**

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

## **Approve Minutes:**

Minutes of November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented as distributed. Motion by Stratton, seconded by Bricker, to approve these minutes. All voted YES.

Minutes of the special police meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup> were presented as distributed. Motion by Bricker, seconded by Stratton, to approve these minutes. All voted YES.

Minutes of the special meeting of November 17<sup>th</sup> were presented as distributed. Motion by Bricker, seconded by Stratton, to approve these minutes. All voted YES.

## **Approve Bills:**

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

Payroll	\$ 88,953.42	
Warrants	\$ 3,268.00	
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 62,643.11</u>	
Total	\$ 154,864.53	All voted YES.

The November 2022 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees. The November VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

## **Resolution 2022-1214-01**

Resolution to revise the fire budget's anticipated income and anticipated expenses and then submit to county auditor. Bricker moved to accept the resolution, Stratton seconded. All voted YES. The Fire Department was paid another \$17,850.

At the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, Bricker made a motion to advance \$50,000 from the General Fund (1000) to the Police Fund (2081). The Fiscal Officer who was not at that meeting questioned the legality of advancing the money without being able to pay back the advance in the same year.

The FO questioned UAN – they didn't know.

The FO questioned the county auditor – they didn't know.

The FO questioned the Prosecutor's office – they didn't know.

Finally, the FO received an opinion from the State Auditor's Office – it is legal to advance one year and return the advance the next year.

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The Fiscal Officer reviewed the income received in 2022 vs the expected income for 2022. The Police Fund has received more than \$50,000 more than expected. Therefore, the FO is asking the Trustees to reverse the November 14 motion to advance in 2022. If needed, the advance will be made after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

After discussion, Mesler moved, seconded by Stratton, to rescind the Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> motion to advance \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Police Fund.

Mesler	YES	
Bricker	NO	
Stratton	YES	Motion carried.

## **Road Report:**

In November, 1244 miles were put on trucks, 29 gallons of diesel and 80 gallons of gasoline were used, there were no burials, one ton of cold patch and six tons of salt mix were hauled, and there was one weather event.

Matt Springer reported that the old truck was repaired at a cost of \$3,057, higher than the expected cost of \$2500.

Goshen will bill Berlin Township \$45.29/ton for salt and \$9.00/ton for grit plus a surcharge to be decided for hauling grit and loading the Berlin truck.

## **Fire Report:**

Fire Chief George Vernon submitted the report for November stating there were 15 fire runs and 44 EMS runs.

FIRE:	EMS:
4 – Goshen	16 - Goshen
8 – Butler	15 - Butler
3 – Other	9 - Beloit
	4 – Other

The department had 21 training hours. There were no inspections.

The department has been awarded a \$900 grant for medical supply equipment. To date they have purchased new medical backpack bags.

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## **Police Report:**

For the month of November: 13,181 miles driven

Goshen:	313 events
Green:	238 events
Beloit:	88 events

Car 2 has been repaired from the Cruiser vs. Deer incident that took place on 10/28/2022. Car 6 has been damaged from hitting a large raccoon. It will be repaired when part are available, but remains in service.

The Chief will be meeting with West Branch Superintendent Micki Egli on Monday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility of hiring an additional SRO for the schools.

The department will be participating in Operation Santa Sleigh on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Akron Children's Hospital in Boardman. This is a state-wide event by Light Ohio Blue and their partners to go to the Children's Hospitals, state veteran homes, as well as local hospitals that house children and veterans. They will be visited by our first responders to spread holiday cheer.

Officer Justin Foster has resigned effective Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, taking a full-time position with NEOMED hospital police. Moved by Bricker, seconded by Stratton, to accept his resignation. All voted YES.

Lt. Matthew Beck has resigned his full-time position effective Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, taking a full-time position with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. He want to remain on the part-time roster. Motion by Mesler, seconded by Bricker, to accept his full-time resignation and change his status to part-time. All voted YES.

The Chief recommends promoting Detective Ryan McBride to the position of Asst. Chief of Police/Lieutenant that has been vacated by Matthew Beck. Stratton moved, seconded by Bricker, to promote Ryan McBride to Asst. Chief of Police/Lieutenant. All voted YES.

## **Parks:**

Nothing

## **Public Comment:**

Resident Dan Jackson asked about EMS and the Stratton Road stations. Fire Chief Vernon answered his questions.

Resident Tom Rhodes wished the Trustees and staff a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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## Trustee Mesler:

The Fire Department Board has signed the 2023 fire contract. Bricker moved for Goshen Trustees to also sign the 2023 Fire contract, seconded by Stratton.

Mesler	Abstain	
Bricker	YES	
Stratton	YES	Motion carried.

The Trustees will be meeting with Green Township Trustees to discuss the police contract. That date is yet to be decided.

## Trustee Stratton:

Teresa attended the Commissioners/County Engineer's meeting on how sales tax monies will be distributed and how the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be handled. MCTA county trustees had little to do with how this is being handled by the county.

Trustees authorized purchasing \$35 gift cards for 19 employees as Christmas bonuses. So moved by Stratton, seconded by Mesler. All voted YES.

Recycling of administration building scrap paper was discussed. The road department will provide large cans where the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Front Office, and Police department can dump their own scrap paper. The road department will haul this once a month to the recycling bins at the township garage location.

## Trustee Bricker:

John suggested re-evaluating the rental charges for the gym, hall, and old building. Utility costs continue to climb and rental charges need to keep pace.

Cardinal Electric has installed new lights around the east and south sides of the building which greatly light up the parking lots. Cardinal also suggested replacing the Ohio Edison lights in the back west end with similar lights which probably will be a cost savings over time.

## Adjournment:

The 2022 Year-end meeting will be on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:00pm,  
The 2023 Reorganizational meeting will take place immediately following the year-end meeting.


The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2023.

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With no further business to conduct, Mesler moved, seconded by Stratton, to adjourn at 7:55pm. All voted YES.



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John Bricker, Chairman



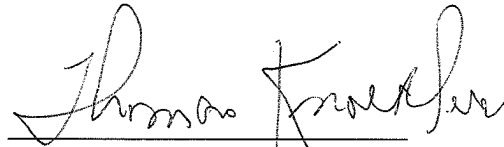
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Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson



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Shawn Mesler, Trustee



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Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer