

# Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

December 4, 2023

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 regular meeting of November 13, 2023 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:

The Board recognized special guest Millie Mather as the oldest resident of the township and wished her a Happy Birthday as she turns 103 years old next Monday.

Resident Tom Rhodes wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and a safe holiday season.

## Old Business:

### **RESOLUTION 2023-1204-01**

**Resolution to declare structure located at 14854 S. Pricetown Road in Damascus insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and order said structure removed. Mesler moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted**

Bricker reported that we were fortunate that the water leak in the admin building was found to be in a pipe behind a wall in the kitchen. It has been fixed. We had to replace the hot water heater. Bricker thanked Road Foreman Matt Springer for his help.

## Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 104,903.98
Other Payments	<u>\$ 45,034.40</u>
Total	\$ 149,938.38

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

The November 2023 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.  
The November 2023 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Two transfers to Damascus Fire Department. \$1875 for the recycling bins and \$10,000.

Barratt reported that the police payroll is over budget. The township needs to move some appropriations and also increase the budget. She requested a motion to move \$14,611.24 from police funds

2081-210-139-0000 (\$6000.00)

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2081-210-228-0000 (\$2000.00)  
2081-210-599-0317 (\$5000.00)  
2081-860-730-0000 (\$1,611.24)

to the police payroll fund 2081-210-190-0000.

Also OPERS is overbudget for funds 2021 (Gas tax), 2031 (Road and Bridge), and 2081 (Police). She requested a motion to move

\$1500 from 2021-330-360-0000 (contracted services) to 2021-330-211-0000 (OPERS);  
\$1500 from 2031-330-599-0232 (road maintenance) to 2031-330-211-0000 (OPERS);

\$5000 from 2081-210-323-0304 (computer maintenance.) and \$3000 from 2081-210-323-0305 (vehicle maintenance) to 2081-210-211-0000 (OPERS) (\$8000).

Also need to increase appropriations in medicare. Move \$1200 from training (2081-210-599-0312) to medicare (2081-210-213-0000)

Also need to increase appropriations to health insurance 2081-210-221-0000 from property/vehicle insurance 2081-210-389-0212 \$300.

Need to move money to pay Republic bill. Motion to move \$150 from deposit refund (1000-110-599-0505) to Trash (1000-120-322-0000)

**Bricker made a motion to approve the fund transfers. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Mesler, Bricker. Motion carried**

## **RESOLUTION 2023-1204-02**

**Resolution to increase Police revenue by \$37,500 to reflect new SRO contract . Increase revenue 2081-203-4000 from \$35,000 to \$72,500. Increase Appropriations for payroll acct 2081-210-190-0000 by \$37,500. Stratton moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Resolution adopted**

## **Road and Parks Report:**

Road Foreman Springer reported that in November, 1,243 miles were put on trucks. They used 157 gallons of diesel and 120 gallons of gasoline. There was one weather event and one ton of salt mix was used. They applied no cold patch.

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

Springer reported that the department will be working with the Green Team to accept natural (not artificial) Christmas trees at the township garage for recycling through February 3, 2024.

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## Fire Report:

Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer April Thorne submitted the report for November stating that the department responded to 32 out of 36 calls:

- 3 fire runs (Goshen – 3)
- 3 fire alarm (Goshen -2, Butler - 1)
- 1 accident with injuries (Goshen),
- 1 accident without injuries (Goshen),
- 1 animal rescue (Goshen),
- 1 carbon monoxide check (Butler),
- 18 medical calls (Goshen – 9, Butler – 7, Winona - 2),
- 1 EMS standby (West Branch High School),
- 6 mutual aid given,
- 3 mutual aid received,
- 4 unable to provide a crew (Goshen – 1, Butler – 2, North Georgetown – 1).

The department had 65.5 training hours (driver training, grain bin rescue, hose testing, reporting, ems). There was one inspection (residential).

## Police Report:

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

Goshen:	7,001 miles driven with 72 events and 223 business checks
Green:	6,893 miles driven with 100 events and 199 business checks
Beloit:	17 events and 78 business checks

Detective Bureau has 23 total open cases, with 11 being new, & 4 recently closed cases. Juvenile Detective has 6 active cases, with zero being new, and 8 recently closed cases.

Car #4 is back at Sarchione Ford in Alliance for transmission issues.

Green Township asked Calko when we can set up a meeting for contract talks.

Calko submitted a quote for a new router for the wifi in the building. Our current router is no longer being supported and will not work after March 2024.

**Bricker made a motion to purchase a new router from HTS Consulting for \$1669. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Mesler, Bricker. Motion carried.**

## Trustee Items:

Mesler attended the Butler Township Trustee Meeting las month and they asked if the Goshen Trustees would support a traffic light at the intersection of Rte 62 and Rte 534 in Damascus. The trustees are all in favor of a light there to help with traffic backup.

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Mesler reported that we have been contacted by ENCINO regarding the drilling of a deep well on Calla Road near Smith Goshen Road. There will need to be improvements made to the road. The exact transportation route is yet to be determined. We can expect to see an increase in traffic in the township, especially truck traffic.

The Township agreed to join forces the Ruritan Club for Community day next year. Calko will reach out to John Biery to co-ordinate.

Stratton reported that there is a "For Sale" sign at the former Petrucci's property on 14.

**Bricker made a motion to sign the Fire Contract with Damascus Fire Department. Stratton seconded. Roll call vote: Mesler – ABSTAIN, Bricker – YES, Stratton – YES. Motion carried.**

**Bricker made a motion to once again distribute \$35 gift cards to township employees for Christmas. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Mesler, Stratton. Motion carried.**

## Adjournment:

The 2023 Year-end meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 10am.


The 2024 Reorganizational meeting will take place immediately following the year-end meeting.

**With no further business to conduct, Mesler moved, seconded by Stratton to adjourn at 6:53pm. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Motion carried**

Attest:

  
John Bricker, Chairman

  
Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson

  
Shawn Mesler, Trustee

  
Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer