# **Special Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees**

June 23, 2025

Trustee Chair Shawn Mesler called the meeting to order at 4:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Trustees Shawn Mesler and Teresa Stratton, and Fiscal Officer Michele Barratt were present. Trustee Bricker was excused.

# **Recognition of Guests / Public Comment**

No guests or public present.

### **Trustee Items:**

Barratt gave an update on the police fund. The township has been supplementing the police by making purchases using ARPA money. Now that the ARPA funding has all been appropriated, the police will need money to get through 2026. Mesler said that the previous 1.3mill levy was not enough. The trustees were trying to be conservative with taxpayers' money and did not want to over-ask. Bricker commented that the price of everything is going up. The current continuous levy is being collected based on 2006 property values. "Nobody can pay their bills with 2006 wages", said Mesler. Barratt reviewed six different levy options and the resulting impacts on cash flow for the next ten years.

#### **RESOLUTION 2025-0623-01**

A resolution of necessity to place a replacement levy of 5.7 mills on the ballot. Bricker moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

# Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 6:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 4:05pm. Voting YES – Mesler, Stratton. Motion carried

Attest:

Shawn Mesler, Chairman

Teresa Stratton, Trustee

John Bricker, Vice Chairperson

Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer