

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

May 9, 2022

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

Approve Minutes:

Minutes of April 4th meeting were presented as distributed. Motion by Stratton, seconded by Mesler, to approve these minutes. All voted YES.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 67,518.87
Warrants	\$ 20,542.47
Electronic payments	<u>\$102,906.63</u>
Total	\$190,967.97

All voted YES.

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

Trustees signed Certificates of Ownership for four lots sold at Bunker Hill Cemetery. Tom announced the new website is now online.

Resolution 2022-0509-01 ARPA Monies

Goshen Township elects to use an amount not to exceed \$22,000 to rewrite the township website with SSL (Secure Socket Layer) for establishing secure links between networked computers, and

Transferring e-mail accounts from Network Solutions to a cloud-based Microsoft Office format, with more secure administrative functions, and

Creating a Water Safe Network Backup System to secure all server files to the cloud (currently NO server backup in place),

So moved by Bricker, seconded by Stratton. All voted YES.

Resolution 2022-0509-02 Revised Budget – Erie Insurance Held in Escrow

Budget income and expenses had to be increase by \$2,000 for an insurance check held in escrow until a township resident cleaned up fire damage to a building. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Mesler. All voted YES

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Resolution 2022-0509-03 Police Levy (1.3 millage)

The Police District is in need of an increase in income. Therefore, the Trustees are requesting that the Mahoning County Auditor certify to the Trustees of Goshen Township the total current tax valuation of all unincorporated section of the township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the establishment of a levy in the amount of 1.3 mills for a five year period of time.
So moved by Bricker, seconded by Mesler. All voted YES.

Resolution 2022-0509-04 Requesting Certification of a Tax Levy from the County Auditor

Goshen Township Trustees deem it necessary to place on the November 8th, 2022 ballot a levy of 1.3 mills beginning with tax year 2022.
So moved by Bricker, seconded by Stratton. All voted YES.

Road Report:

In April, 1,656 miles were put on trucks, 202 gallons of diesel and 98 gallons of gasoline were used, there were no burials, and no weather events.

The department used 3 tons of cold patch and hauled 64 tons of limestone.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief George Vernon submitted the report for April stating there were 18 fire runs and 32 EMS runs.

FIRE:	EMS:
10 – Goshen	22 - Goshen
3 – Butler	6 - Butler
2– Sebring	2 - Beloit
2 – Salem	2 – Sebring
1 - Green	

The department had 43 training hours. There was one inspection.

The Damascus Fire Department has been awarded a \$10,000 grant for equipment. The money will be used to purchase turn-out gear.

Police Report:

For the month of April: 14,075 miles driven

Goshen:	613 events
Green:	269 events
Beloit:	130 events

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Chief Calko asked to change Officer Anthony Pilolli and Officer Isaiah Thomas from full-time to part-time status and to change part-time officers Hoyle West and Hollie Frantz to full-time status effective May 8, 2022. So moved by Stratton, seconded by Bricker. All voted YES.

The new body cameras are on premises and will be in service as soon as HTS Consulting has the firewall issue taken care of.

Chief Calko was nominated to join the MVLEEA (Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement Executive Association) and was accepted. He will be attending monthly meetings.

Green Township Trustee Dave Slagle and John met with Washingtonville Council and offered them a proposal for police protection. The Council will take the offer under consideration.

The unmarked cruiser is now in service.

Parks:

April Thorne reported she is mowing parks and cemeteries, but the ground is very soft due to the excessive spring rains.

She has priced the cost of a port-a-john for Bricker Park. Cost would be \$90/month. Bricker moved, seconded by Stratton, to have the port-a-john installed until October. All voted YES. April will contact the vendor.

Public Comment:

Mark Baker, representing the Damascus Historical Society, presented a proposed flag for the village of Damascus for review and acceptance. The proposal was tabled until the June meeting.

Trustee Mesler:

Shawn noted that Steve Christian was to be here to speak as a broadband advocate but did not attend. Shawn asked Desk Officer Katie Osberg to put a survey on our FaceBook page. This survey can then be forwarded to Mr. Christian for review.

Shawn also suggested we apply for the OPWC highway grant for Stratton Road. This will necessitate a traffic count. Shawn will work on this project.

Stratton:

Teresa will be attending the meeting at Eastgate tomorrow morning at 9:00.

Goshen has been awarded the NOPEC energy grant in the amount of \$5,809.

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Trustee Bricker:

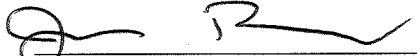
John asked Teresa about cleanup at the old Petrucci's restaurant and for the Galbreath properties. She will discuss this again with the Health Department.

John is also working on replacing the boiler in the administration building.

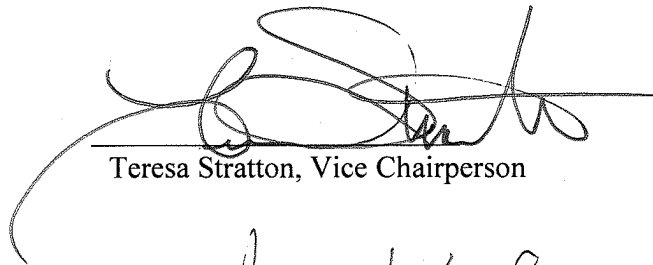
Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 13th at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Bricker to adjourn at 7:45pm. All voted YES.



John Bricker, Chairman



Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson



Shawn Mesler, Trustee



Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer