

## **Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees August 9, 2021**

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

A work session was held on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm to discuss employee benefits, the Calla Road project, and how the township can use the A.R.P. funds. No action was taken on any of these discussions.

Colton Masters from the Mahoning County Public Health Department discussed a 2021 mosquito grant available to Goshen Township which can be used for our fall tire collection. This would eliminate places for mosquitos to breed and habitat. Goshen does not have to apply for the grant. Colton will work on getting us the available funds.

Retiring Police Chief Steve McDaniel was presented a plaque and badge and thanked for his years of service to the Goshen Police District. Presentation was made by Lt. John Calko.

### **Approve Minutes:**

Motion by Stratton, seconded by Bricker, to approve the minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup> as distributed. All voted YES.

### **Payment of Bills:**

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

Payroll	\$ 89,230.96	
Warrants	\$ 4,035.76	
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 24,913.00</u>	
Total	\$ 118,179.72	All voted YES.

The July bank statement is in balance.

The July credit card statements were reviewed by Trustee Stratton.

Signed Certificates of Ownership for Ground Interment Rights for:

Bunker Hill New	Lots 114 SE3 & SE4
Bunker Hill New	Lots 125 NE1 & NE2

Fiscal Officer needs to increase appropriations for:

Administrative wages	\$ 3,000.00
A.R.P Fund Income	\$161 892.76
A.R.P. Fund Expenditures	\$161 892.76

So moved by Stratton, seconded by Bricker. All voted YES. (Resolution 2021-0809c)

Resolution 2021-0809d accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. So moved by Stratton, seconded by Bricker, to accept. All voted YES (Resolution 2021-0809d)

**Road Report:**

Matt Springer reported that 1510 miles were put on vehicles in July, 90 gallons of diesel and 89 gallons of gasoline were used, and there was one burial.

They hauled 44 tons of 48 hot mix.

Matt submitted a bid by Snyder Construction to chip & seal Danbury Drive for a cost of \$18,600. Moved by Mesler, seconded by Stratton, to accept. All voted YES. Matt also reported on the status of the Smith-Goshen and Calla Road on-going projects.

John recommended the Trustees act on the truck bids for the road department. Motion by Mesler to purchase the 2021 Ford F550 truck, plow, dump bed and accessories from Tri-State Ford for \$84,086, less \$20,000 trade-in for the 2008 Dodge. Seconded by Stratton. All voted YES. (Resolution 2021-0809g)

**Fire Report:**

Mesler reported for Chief Derek Day that in July there were 20 fire runs and 53 EMS runs – 43 in Goshen and 10 in Butler. There were no inspections.

One house was struck by lightning, but due to quick reactions by the home owners, damage was minimal.

**Recycling:**

Paul has contacted the tire reclamation company and has pricing ready for the September event. Pricing and advertising may need to be modified due to how the mosquito grant will provide additional fund. Paul will work with Colton on this pricing issue.

**Police Report:**

In July 2021 the Police District:  
in Goshen, handled 436 events and put 7,372 miles on vehicles  
in Green, handled 391 events and put 8,020 miles on vehicles  
in Beloit, handled 198 events

Lt. Calko submitted a proposal to obtain the Video Redaction Software as soon as the new computer equipment is available. After software installation, the department will have 30 days to test the software before it has to be paid for. Trustees approved this proposal.

Calko also submitted a proposal from Salem Computer Center to purchase a new computer for the Desk Officer that will handle the redaction software requirements. The Desk Officer's old computer will be moved to another officer to upgrade that officer's PC. The proposal was moved by Stratton, seconded by Bricker. All voted YES.

John will be purchasing a Sam's Club membership for Safety Day items and for the department purchase needs.

Part-time officer Chad Caughey is resigning effective immediately to take a full-time position with the Alliance PD. Moved by Mesler, seconded by Stratton, to accept the resignation. All voted YES.

Full-time officer Niko Pacifico has taken a full-time position with the City of Hubbard. John asked that he be moved from full-time to part-time status. So moved by Stratton, seconded by Bricker. All voted YES.

Calko also proposed Dylan Davin as a full-time officer effective 08/09/2021. Dylan just graduated from the police academy in July and lives in Salem. So moved by Mesler, seconded by Stratton. All voted YES. Dylan was sworn in with his family present.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Trustee Mesler**

Shawn reported that the trustees met with the WB Superintendent and have discussed a new two year contract for the School Resource Officer (SRO). Changes include the officer will work 40 hours per week, up from 28 hours, and compensation will increase from \$20,000/year to \$35,000/year. Motion by Mesler, seconded by Bricker, to sign this contract, pending approval by the WB Board of Education. All voted YES. (Resolution 2021-0809e)

**Trustee Bricker:**

John proposed vacating the unused alley that runs between the homes of Larry Griffith and Neal Engler II. So moved by Bricker, seconded by Mesler. All voted YES. (Resolution 2021-0809f)

**Stratton:**

Employee benefits discussed at our July 28<sup>th</sup> work session:

New Hire Benefits (Resolution 2021-0809a)  
Effective 08/09/2021, new hire Full-Time employees will be eligible:  
For Paid Holidays after 30 days employment  
For Health Care after 30 days employment  
So moved by Bricker, seconded by Mesler. All voted YES.

Accumulated Sick Hours (Resolution 2021-0809b)  
Effective 08/09/2021, increase the sick hours maximum balance  
from 400 hours to 800 hours  
The eligible hours available to be cashed in at retirement  
will remain at 200 hours  
So moved by Bricker, seconded by Mesler. All voted YES.

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At 8:04pm Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler, to go in to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. All voted YES.

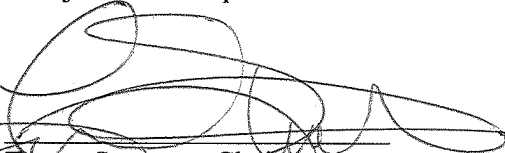
At 8:42pm Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler, to re-open the regular meeting after going into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. All voted YES.  
Road department job applications were reviewed. Two people will be re-interviewed.

Stratton moved, seconded by Bricker, to appoint Lt. John Calko as the new Police Chief for the Goshen Police District, effective August 15<sup>th</sup>. All voted YES.  
John was then sworn in as the new pending police chief and will be re-sworn in when his wife is available to attend our meeting.

**Adjournment:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00pm.


With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler, to adjourn at 8:49pm. All voted YES.




Teresa Stratton, Chairman



John Bricker, Vice Chairman



Shawn Mesler, Trustee



Thomas Knoedler, Fiscal Officer