

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

December 10, 2024

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 November 12 regular meeting were presented as distributed.

Motion by Stratton, seconded by Mesler, to approve these minutes. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Motion carried.

Public Comment/Special Guests:

Resident Rhodes wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Old Business:

None.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 60,543.69
Other Warrants	\$ 368.99
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 103,741.46</u>
Total	\$ 164,654.14

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

The November 2024 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.
The November 2024 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

RESOLUTION 2024-1210-01

A resolution to create revenue account 2904-951-0000 with a budget of \$12,000 for the sale of the Damascus Park property. Bricker moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Barratt requested modifications to the budget to accurately reflect the following:

- transfer of funds from general fund to park is no longer needed due to sale of property
- increase in OVI revenue and expenditures
- increase in police fines revenue and expenditure
- New Opioid Fund and Fire Fund
- General Government increase all other expenditures from \$56,228.99 to \$64,850.00
- Public Safety increase all other expenditures from \$8,000 to \$10,868.75
- Health increase all other expenditures from \$30,000 to \$35,752.26
- Eliminate \$7,000 transfer to Parks Fund 2904

Fire District (MARCS grant)

Increase all other expenditures from \$127,600 to \$167,239.40

Increase revenue from \$131,903 to \$171,542.40

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RESOLUTION 2024-1210-05

Resolution to revise 2024 budget to reflect above changes

Stratton moved, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2024-1210-02

A resolution to accept the 2025 temporary budget

Bricker made a motion to approve the 2025 temporary budget, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Barratt thanked trustee Mesler for cleaning the administration building.

Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer was excused from the meeting. Mesler reported that in November, 1148 miles were put on trucks. They used 164 gallons of diesel and 93 gallons of gasoline. There was one weather events and they used 12tons of salt mix.

There was one cremation and no burials. They poured head stone foundations. There were no culvert installations. They applied two tons of cold patch and used 8 tons of limestone.

Fire Report:

Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer April Thorne submitted the report for November.

Damascus Fire Department responded to 36 out of 36 calls for the month of November:

- 24 medical calls (Goshen – 12, Butler – 7, Winona – 2, Sebring – 2, Georgetown – 1),
- 2 MVA with injuries (Goshen – 1, Butler - 1),
- 2 MVA without injuries (Goshen – 1, Butler - 1),
- 1 Fire Alarm (Goshen – 1),
- 1 Trees/Wires Down (Goshen – 1),
- 1 Structure Fires (Ellsworth – 1),
- 1 Carbon Monoxide Investigation (Georgetown – 1),
- 1 Brush Fire (Georgetown – 1),
- 1 Lift Assist (Butler – 1),
- 1 Standby (WBHS - 1),
- 1 Agency Assist (Butler – 1 EMT Ambulance)

The department had 41 training hours.

Thorne thanked the Salem Eagles 316 for a successful fundraiser on 11/30. \$6832 was raised to purchase water rescue equipment.

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Thorne thanked Alliance Planet Fitness for donating an entire circuit of workout equipment for the Fire Station.

Thorne reminded residents to water their Christmas trees so the Fire Department wouldn't have to.

Police Report:

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

Goshen:	6726 miles driven with 461 events
Green:	7043 miles driven with 306 events

Calko and Sgt. Dubiel had training on the new RMS system. Data migration should be complete by the time the system goes live.

Calko presented a purchase order for the new police vehicle that should arrive sometime in March 2025.

Mesler made a motion to purchase the vehicle, Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2024-1210-03

A resolution to use ARPA funds for new police vehicle. Mesler moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Trustee Items:

The trustees scheduled a work session with Green Township on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 6pm to discuss 2025 police contract.

Mesler requested a work session be scheduled to go over the township manuals immediately following the 2025 Reorganizational meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

Damascus Fire Department had a meeting and requests no changes to the fire contract for 2025.

Bricker made a motion to sign the Fire Contract. Stratton seconded. Voting ABSTAIN – Mesler, YES – Bricker, Stratton. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2024-1210-06

A resolution to appoint Trustee Chair John Bricker, Fiscal Officer Michele Barratt, and Chief of Police John Calko to the Records Commission. Stratton moved, Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

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The township building is not prepared to provide for the community in the event of a disaster.

Mesler made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a generator for the Administration Building. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Mesler, Stratton. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-1210-04

A resolution to ARPA funds for generator for Administration Building. Mesler moved, Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Last year the township gave \$35 gift cards to the employees for Christmas.

Bricker made a motion to give \$50 gift cards to employees for Christmas. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Mesler, Stratton. Motion carried.

Mesler would like to consider hosting an employee Christmas dinner in the future.

Mesler reported that Columbia Gas will be replacing some gas lines and meters in Damascus in 2025.

Adjournment:

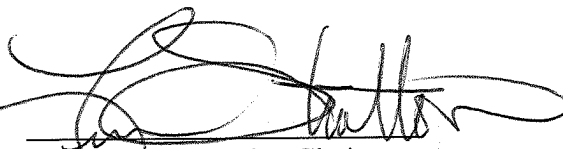
The 2024 Year End meeting and the 2025 Reorganizational meeting will be held Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 1 pm.


The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:


John Bricker, Chairman


Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson


Shawn Mesler, Trustee


Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer