

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

June 4, 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 May 14 regular meeting was presented as distributed.

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

Public Comment/Special Guests:

Trustee Mesler opened 6 bids (ranging from \$177,816.00 to \$226,538.80) for the South Duck Creek Road resurfacing project. Dave Bakalar from Thomas FOK and Associates stated that the engineer's estimate was \$227,000. Bakalar took the bid books to drop off to Attorney Heino for legal review. The bid cannot be awarded until after July 1.

Guests B. Pifer and Carney expressed concern over where the money would go if the trustees decide to sell the township's property in Damascus. Carney wants the money to go to the Damascus Historical Society.

Resident Rhodes complimented the road crew on the nice job they did trimming ditches. He also asked about the County Commissioners holding their meeting at the township administration building.

Resident McCracken complimented the road crew for the good job they're doing mowing. He also enquired as to burning regulations. Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer April Thorne said there is not currently a burn ban. Fires should be kept within a 3' x 3' x 3' area away from any buildings and with no smoke going across roadways or other's property.

Resident S. Roberts lives across the street from the group home and reported that residents are sitting in the middle of the road and harassing her family members. Chief of Police Calko said the home has been a problem or many years and she should call the police when such incidents occur.

Resident Knoedler asked Trustee Stratton about the condition of the property at the corner of Duck Creek Rd. and Rte 62. Stratton reported that the resident removed the freezer. Knoedler also stated the Damascus Fire Department website is out of service. Thorne stated that there has been discussion to get it repaired and asked if there was something he was searching for.

Trustee Mesler swore in Police Officer Beck and Sergeant Ragan as constables.

Old Business:

Mesler moved for the trustees to sign the recycling lease between the township and the Damascus Fire Department. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Motion carried.

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The trustees signed the lease.

Mesler reported that J. Biery called him earlier in the day to say that he is still interested in purchasing the property in Damascus. The township is waiting to hear back from the Prosecutor's Office.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 75,847.13
Other Warrants	\$ 1,672.72
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 52,152.66</u>
Total	\$ 129,672.51

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

The May 2024 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

The May 2024 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Barratt gave a recap of the MCTA meeting held on May 16. Fair Housing Community Guides are available at door.

The township received \$250 check from MCTA for reimbursement for the OTA subscription.

The boiler was inspected on 5/22. Inspector observed that boiler had soot and recommended cleaning.

Barratt reported that after more than a year of discussion with AT&T, the township received a credit in the amount of \$4,248.11.

There has been an ad in the Salem News and online for the available administrative assistant position with the police department.

Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer reported that in May, 787 miles were put on trucks. They used 240 gallons of diesel and 114 gallons of gasoline. There were no weather events and they used no salt mix.

There was one burial and no cremations. They poured five head stone foundations. There were no culvert installations.

Springer reported that the flail mower has been sold.

Mesler complimented Springer on completing the application for the sign grant.

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Fire Report:

Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer April Thorne submitted the report for May 2024.

Damascus Fire Department responded to 58 out of 60 calls for the month of May:

- 43 medical calls (Goshen – 23, Butler – 10, Sebring – 4, Winona – 1, Green – 1, North Georgetown - 4),
- 1 MVA with injuries (Winona),
- 3 MVA without injuries (Goshen – 1, Sebring – 1, Butler – 1),
- 1 Gas Leaks (Goshen),
- 1 Trees/Wires Down (Goshen),
- 1 Wrong Location / No Incident (Goshen),
- 3 Dispatched / Canceled en route (Goshen – 1, Butler – 2),
- 3 Structure Fires (Goshen – 1, Salem – 1, Perry - 1),
- 1 Sprinkler System Break (Butler),
- 2 Unable to provide a crew (Goshen – 1, Winona – 1),
- 1 Non-emergency transport (Goshen).

The department had 33 training hours.

Police Report:

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

Goshen:	7,858 miles driven with 327 events
Green:	7,703 miles driven with 287 events

Detect Alarm is working on the installation of the camera system in the administration building and road department.

Reflections of Time Photography will be here on June 29 to take pictures of the police officers. Calko offered to include the administration.

The Records Management Software (RMS) being used by the department is so old that it is no longer supported. Calko is getting pricing for updated software.

Stratton made a motion to accept the resignation of part-time officer Niko Pacifico, effective immediately. Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Motion carried.

Trustee Items:

Mesler stated that he called the county about the paving the performed on Smith Goshen Road. The county repaved the road.

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Mesler reported that he had been contacted by a resident in Damascus requesting that an alley be closed. There is a barn on the alley and they want to tear down the barn and build a garage. Mesler talked to Attorney Heino. Resident needs to contact surveyor and then there could be hearings.

Stratton and Bricker discussed a complaint at Colonial Villa. The Health Department cleared it.

RESOLUTION 2024-0614-01

Resolution of necessity for Fire levy. Bricker moved, Stratton seconded.

Voting: ABSTAIN – Mesler, YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Resolution adopted.

Stratton will be applying for the NOPEC grant. McCracken asked how the township would use the money. Mesler replied that it would be used for lighting.

RESOLUTION 2024-0614-03

Resolution of NOPEC grant. Bricker moved, Mesler seconded.

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


Mesler asked about plans for the upcoming Community Day. Calko said that he has been talking to John Biery from the Ruritans and confirmed that here will be the Police vs Firemen softball game.


Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

Attest:


John Bricker, Chairman


Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson


Shawn Mesler, Trustee


Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer