

Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees

February 4, 2025

Trustee Chair Shawn Mesler called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Trustees Shawn Mesler, John Bricker, and Teresa Stratton and Fiscal Officer Michele Barratt were present.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes of the 2024 Year-End Meeting and 2025 Re-Organizational Meeting were presented as distributed.

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

Public Comment/Special Guests:

none

Old Business:

The Road Department presented three quotes for bringing down the tree in Damascus on first street:

Timberline Tree Service	\$2000
Columbiana Tree Service	\$ 729.30
Garlough	\$1500

Mesler made a motion to hire Columbiana Tree Service to take down the tree. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Motion carried.

Approve Bills:

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

Payroll	\$ 100,950.87
Other Warrants	\$ 511.88
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 22,899.49</u>
Total	\$ 124,362.24

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

The January 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

The January 2025 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Barratt presented the proposed budget for 2025:

Beginning balance on 01/01/2025:	\$1,213,530.94
Anticipated Income:	\$2,119,448.00
Anticipated Expense:	<u>\$2,294,406.39</u>
Anticipated 2025 year-end Balance:	\$1,038,573.55

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RESOLUTION 2025-0204-01

A resolution to approve the 2025 budget. Stratton moved, Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Bricker, Stratton. Resolution adopted.

The Cintas contract for service at the Administration Building was reviewed.

Mesler made a motion to sign the contract. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Mesler, Stratton. Motion carried.

Road and Parks Report:

Road Foreman Matt Springer was excused from the meeting. Road worker Adam Corll reported that in January, 3346 miles were put on trucks. They used 355 gallons of diesel and 227 gallons of gasoline. There were 18 weather events and they used 106 tons salt mix.

There were no burials and no cremations. They poured no head stone foundations. There were no culvert installations. They applied one ton of cold patch and used zero tons of limestone.

Mesler asked Corll if he had noticed any roads breaking down. Diagonal, Smith Goshen and Garfield were mentioned as having some trouble spots.

Fire Report:

Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer April Thorne submitted the Year-end report and the report for January.

Damascus Fire Department responded to 600 out of 605 calls for the year of 2024.

Damascus Fire Department responded to 44 out of 44 calls for the month of January:

- 28 medical calls (Goshen – 15, Butler – 9, Winona – 1, Sebring – 2, North Georgetown – 1)
- 3 MVA with injuries (Goshen – 1, North Georgetown - 2),
- 3 MVA without injuries (Goshen - 3),
- 2 Trees/Wires Down (Goshen – 2),
- 2 Dispatched/Canceled En Route (Butler –1, Sebring - 1),
- 2 Structure Fires (Goshen – 1, Salem - 1),
- 1 Gas Leak (Goshen – 1),
- 1 Gas / Odor Investigation (Goshen – 1),
- 1 Fire Alarm (Butler – 1),
- 1 Lift Assist (Butler – 1),
- 2 Smoke Investigation (Goshen – 1, Butler – 1)
- 1 Agency Assist (Goshen – 1)

The department had 55.5 training hours in January.

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Police Report:

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

Goshen: 6,663 miles driven with 321 events
Green: 6,772 miles driven with 313 events

The equipment has been ordered for the new F150. The vehicle is currently being built and should be delivered within 45 days.

The department received a check from the Stat of Ohio for reimbursement for the required 2024 continuing education. The check for approximately \$10,500 was turned over to the fiscal officer.

The new RMS system is up and running. Data migration is not complete yet.

Trustee Items:

At 6:15pm, Mesler made a motion to go in to executive session to consider the employment, promotion, demotion and compensation of a public employee, with possible action to follow. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. Motion carried.

The trustees went to executive session and invited Fiscal Officer Barratt to join them.

At 6:25pm, Mesler resumed the meeting.

Stratton made a motion to promote Adam Corll to Road Foreman at \$27/hour rate of pay retroactive to January 12, 2025 and to make Matt Springer road department worker at \$25/hour rate of pay retroactive to February 2, 2025. Mesler seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried.

The trustees discussed increasing the uniform allowance for police due to increased uniform costs.

Bricker made a motion to increase police uniform allowance for full time to \$1100 annually to be paid in two payments: \$600 in May, and \$500 in Dec; and for part-time to \$425 annually to be paid in two payments: \$225 in May, and \$200 in Dec. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Stratton, Bricker. motion carried.

The Ohio Department of Transportation is requesting the 2024 Township Highway System Mileage Certification. The township has the same 18.814 miles as last year.

Mesler made a motion to sign the certification. Bricker seconded. Voting YES – Bricker, Stratton, Mesler. motion carried.

The trustees signed the certification.

Bricker made a motion to appoint April Thorne as Fire Prevention Officer for 2025. Stratton seconded. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker; ABSTAIN – Mesler. Motion carried.

Stratton received a letter from Sebring West Branch Baseball League requesting the use of the baseball fields during the 2025 season.

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Bricker made a motion to allow the use. Stratton Seconded. Voting YES – Mesler, Stratton, Bricker. Motion carried.

Bricker reported that he, Mesler, and Barratt attended the Ohio Township Association annual conference in Columbus where they received some valuable training.

The trustees thanked the Road Department for doing a good job keeping the roads clear during the recent bad weather.

Adjournment:


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

With no further business to conduct, Stratton moved, seconded by Mesler to adjourn at 6:36 pm. Voting YES – Stratton, Bricker, Mesler. Motion carried

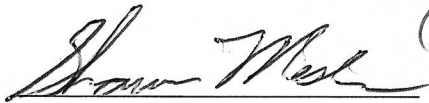
Attest:




John Bricker, Chairman



Teresa Stratton, Vice Chairperson



Shawn Mesler, Trustee



Michele Barratt, Fiscal Officer