

# **Regular Meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees**

**November 9, 2020**

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.

## **Approve Minutes:**

Motion by Stratton, seconded by Bricker, to approve the October 12, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as distributed. All voted YES

## **Approve Bills:**

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

Payroll	\$ 58,768.42
Warrants	\$ 43,113.38
Electronic payments	<u>\$ 79,360.28</u>
Total	\$181,242.08

All voted YES.

The October bank statement is in balance.

The October credit card statement was reviewed by Trustee Mesler.

The township received a COVID-19 dividend from the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation for \$8,405.88. This is part of the \$1.5 billion dollars dispersed to private and public employers by Governor DeWine.

Tom presented a draft copy of Resolution 2020-1109 CARES Act for police expenses based on information from the Department of the Treasury on CARES fund expenditures. Trustees discussed, then ask for the "except for the Desk Officers" wording to be removed.

Mesler moved, seconded by Stratton, to approve this resolution with changes. All voted YES.

## **Road Report:**

Matt Springer reported that there were 981 miles put on vehicles in October, 223 gallons of diesel and 59 gallons of gasoline were used, and there was one burial.

The department hauled 15 tons of limestone, installed 2 head stone foundations, installed 1 culvert, crack sealed Seacrist Road, made repairs to the dump trucks, and purchased a used berm box from ODOT for \$500 to be used for asphalt patching.

## **Fire Report:**

Chief Derek Day reported that in October there were 13 fire runs and 35 EMS runs – 30 in Goshen, 4 in Butler, and 1 other. There were two inspection consultations in October.

The department is slowly getting back into training with Covid.

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### **Recycling:**

The invoice for installing the recycling fence has been approved by the Green Team and the check will be forthcoming.

### **Police Report:**

Desk Officer Osberg reported for Chief McDaniel who was at the Beloit Council meeting.

In October 2020 there were 7711 miles put on vehicles and police handled 297 events.

She submitted the resignation of full-time officer Chris Weingart effective Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. He will be moved to a part-time officer position.

Moved by Mesler, seconded by Bricker to accept this resignaton. All voted YES.

Upon recommendation by the Police Chief, motion by Stratton, seconded by Mesler, to hire as full-time officer Michael Edgerton, effective Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, at a rate of \$16.50 per hour. Michael is currently a part-time officer with the Salem PD. All voted YES.

Some officers who are unable to use all of their vacation time have asked for a payout of this unused time. This has been past practice and money is in the budget.

Officers are again this year participating in the “No Shave November” with donations being accepted to assist a 31 year old resident currently battling cancer. Donations have been received from police personnel and are welcome from local residents.

Chief McDaniel returned from his meeting and recommended that Trustees begin looking at the Beloit Police contract, as it expires on April 30, 2021.

### **Public Comment:**

Resident Tom Rhodes asked if campaign signs could be recycled. Mr. Mesler to check and get back with Tom.

### **Trustee Mesler:**

Shawn discussed OPWC projects on Smith-Goshen Road and Calla Road. Both projects will not take place until 2021.

### **Trustee Stratton:**

Don and Nicole Crowl represented other neighbors requesting something be done with the vacant house on Academy Lane, with is deteriorating, has holes in the roof, and is full of mold. Mrs. Stratton replied that the house was recently sold to Fannie Mae and she would contact Debora Flora of the Land Bank to discuss this property.

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The spending of CARES Act funds was discussed. It was decided to:

purchase Washers/Dryers for the Police & Road departments	\$ 2,574
purchase a power cot for the Fire Department	\$21,982
get quotes for Gym floor replacement	

Talk about closing the alley at 14733 French Street, Damascus was tabled.

Township resident Millie Mather will be turning 100 years old next month. A birthday card is being signed by township staff to be sent to her.

**Adjournment:**

A work session will be held on Monday November 16 at 10:00am to review CARES projects and work on 2021 budgets.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to conduct, Mesler moved, seconded by Bricker, to adjourn at 7:40pm. All voted YES.

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Teresa Stratton, Chairman

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John Bricker, Vice Chairman

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Shawn Mesler, Trustee

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Thomas Knoedler