

GILFORD TOWNSHIP

April 8, 2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, Treasurer; D. Spencer, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling. Order of agenda approved.

Public Comment: What was the total taxes from the wind turbines for 2020?

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by D. Strasz; second by J. Stockmeyer to approve minutes. Motion approved.

Minutes of Budget Hearing: Motion by D. Strasz; second by A. Goss to approve minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: Motion by D. Spencer; second by J. Stockmeyer to approve Treasures Report. Motion approved.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: One fire run for Reese. Quanicassee Rd update; Bidding has started. Quality Roasting update: At this time, everything is on hold. American Rescue Plan update: Discussion on how to spend the money, when we receive it, while following the guidelines given. Discussion on possibly connecting internet into Air Advantage fiberoptic line that runs in front of township office; more information needed before any decision made. The contract with Fairgrove Fire Dept for the new jaws of Life was signed and check sent. There is someone interested in Zoning Administrator position.

Treasurer: Have meeting with TCF bank on 4-13-21 regarding bank charges. Closing year end reports and then will wait to hear from auditors on any information they may need. Allison Parks is no longer Deputy Treasurer, she had conflicts with her job.

Clerk: Ordered flags for the cemetery and will pick them up in 4-12-21. Reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by A. Goss; second by J. Stockmeyer to pay the bills. Motion approved.

Trustees: Parks and Rec. Report; grant being applied for through Recreation Passport Grant. Playscape was discussed and decided that this is something that can be done without a grant with fundraisers and donations and hope to get something started this year. Plaques for benches have been ordered. Hope to have flyer made with park information and future visions to be passed out at park activities. Next meeting 4-15-21.

Ambulance Representative: 13 mobile medical responses. New medical examiner for Tuscola county is Dr. William Morrone. A committee was formed to discuss strategies for encouraging new township participation. Next meeting is 4-15-21.

Fire Department Representative: Fairgrove Fire: Some new turnout gear and boots were ordered. Foam is on back order. Funding for the Jaws has been approved by 2 townships and waiting on 2 more. Will start holding meeting in fire hall with apparatus pulled out and overhead doors open and maintain social distance. Various on- line classes available for the fire fighters. Reese Fire; No Tuscola meeting. Hose and Ladder training. Mental Health Services for First responders are available. No burn ban on.

Zoning Administrator: Approved a permit for pole barn. Received letter from building codes for resident not in compliance. Wrote letter to a resident about complaint of dog from garbage company.

Public Comment: Any progress on Thumb Body service for Gilford township?

Motion by J. Stockmeyer; second by D. Spencer to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion approved.

Diane K. Spencer

Gilford Township Clerk