**GILFORD TOWNSHIP**

TUSCOLA COUNTY

DECEMBER 14,2023

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The meeting was 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, Trustee. The order of Agenda was approved.

**Public Comment:** Did we receive any tool/ instructions on how to open niches in columbaria?

**Minutes of Previous Board Meeting**: Correction to the minutes; Mike Evans is Assistant Chief and Jeremy Ross is Chief of Reese fire Department. Motion by A. Goss, second by D. Strasz to approve corrected minutes. Motion approved.

**Treasurers Report**: Motion by D. Spencer, second by K. Houghtaling to approve treasurers report. Motion approved.

**Supervisor:** Zero Reese fire runs. Received 4 bids for removal of old berm at cemetery. D. Spencer motioned, D. Strasz second to accept Monchilov Excavating proposal. Motion approved. Received some interest in filling board positions. D. Strasz motioned, D. Spencer second to approve A. Sayles to the Planning Commission. Motion approved. Columbaria and surrounding landscape are completed. Public Act 233 0f 2023 was signed into law on November 28, 2023, regarding giving authority to the Michigan Public Service commission for the permitting process of renewable energy. There will be a free webinar on January 10,2024 from 12:30 PM to 1:45 PM. Board of Review training dates are available. Meeting with lawyer on Monday regarding Walter property.

**Treasurer:** 2023 taxes are coming in. The treasurer will be in the office on Dec. 28, 2023 9:00am- 5pm. Taxes are due February 29, 2024.

**Clerk:** Solar and Cemetery Ordinances were published on November 15, 2023, both affective December 15, 2023. Presented Brickel Brickel Brothers winter site maintenance contract. D. Strasz motioned, J. Stockmeyer second to accepted the contract. Motioned approved. D. Spencer presented the Gilford Township Use of Engine Compression Brakes (Jake Brake) Ordinance 2023-4, A. Goss second it. Roll call vote 5 yeas, 0 nays. Ordinance 2023-4 declared adopted. Will go into effect 30 days after publication. Completed a FOIA request. Gave oath of office to A. Goss for Zoning Board of Appeals. Gave the oath of office to K. Houghtaling and A. Sayles for Planning commission. Attended County Clerk meeting discussed upcoming deadlines and changes in the new election law. Taking required classes in E-Learning.

**Trustees**: Planning Commission meeting Monday December 18.

**Ambulance Representative**: Meeting was cancelled.

**Fire Department Representative**: Fairgrove; presented the annual report; Gilford had 10 fire runs from January to November and 26 mutual aid runs, thanked us for helping fund the SCBA Cascade system, fire fighters continue taking classes to continue their education, 5 of the members are licensed and certified in the Emergency Medical field. Costs of maintaining a fire department have increased drastically over the years. Reese: reviewed truck maintenance, items to purchase and reviewed finances.

After discussion, D. Strasz motioned, A. Goss second to allocate remaining ARPA money to Reese and Fairgrove fire departments. Motion approved.

**Zoning Administrator**: No report

**Public Comment**: None

**Motion for Adjournment**: J. Stockmeyer motioned, D. Strasz second to adjourn. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Diane Spencer

Gilford Township Clerk