**GILFORD TOWNSHIP**

TUSCOLA COUNTY

DECEMBER 8, 2016

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: R.A. Kaijala, Treasurer; R. Haines, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; A. Goss, Trustee. K. Houghtaling, Trustee was absent. The order of Agenda was approved.

**Public Comment:** N. Keyes reminded the Board the need to begin talks on M-138 upgrades. Consider teaming with neighboring townships to help. Jim will send e-mail to Road Commission to remind them of our request.

**Minutes of Previous Board Meeting**: Motion by R.A. Kaijala, second by A. Goss to approve minutes with noted correction to spelling. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report**: Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to accept treasurers report with language correction regarding water lien discharge. Motion carried.

**Speaker**: Gene Ellison (absent) Reese Fire Department looking for financial support for equipment. Tabled till next meeting.

**REPORTS**:

**Supervisor**: J. Stockmeyer motion, R. Haines second to approve appointment of Phil Budry, Bill Keyes, and Dale Janson as Board of Review members for years 2017 and 2018. Motion carried. J. Stockmeyer motion, A. Goss second to appoint Jacob Dohrmann to Plannning Commission for years 2017, 2018, and 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Kajala to appoint Amanda Goss as the Gilford Township Fire Department Representative. Motion carried.

MREC meeting report. A number of townships in Gratiot, Tuscola, and Huron counties are involved in the wind tax legal . A few settelments have been reached.

A handout from Tuscola County Road Commission identifying 6 bridges in Gilford TWP. That are on the “Posted” (restricted structure) list.

**Treasurer**: Need to re issue $50.00 check to J. Dohrmann for lost check from August .

**Clerk**: Election inspectors will receive reimbursement check due to mistakenly taking deductions for the November election pay.

Drop box is installed.

Bamberger insurance merging with Duclos Agency in January. Should not affect Gilford TWP. Policy.

Motion by R. Kaijala, second by A. Goss to approve payment of the bills beginning with check #10374 through check 9BR9MXVP. Motion carried.

**Trustees**: No report. J. Stockmeyer reported for Kent regarding recent Planning Commission meeting. P.C. suggest language change pertaining to fencing materials. Also suggest change inspection/enforcement responsibilities from Zoning Administrator to person appointed by the TWP. Board. Also suggest update mailing address on Zoning Ordinance.

Minutes of the recent P.C. meeting are on the Gilford TWP Web site. www.gilfordtwp.com.

**Ambulance Representative**: No report.

**Fire Department Representative**: No report.

**Zoning Administrator**: No report, absent. J. Stockmeyer reported new zoning permits are available now and will be kept at the TWP. Hall. Future discussion on possible changes to Zoning Administrator job description. Will make possible changes before new budget is approved.

R.A. Kaijala submitted a letter of resignation effective December 31, 2016 . J. Stockmeyer motion to accept the letter of resignation , second by A. Goss, motion carried. Motion by J. Stockmeyer to appoint Debra Strasz as Treasurer effective December 31, 2016, second by A. Goss, motion approved. R.A. Kaijala will remain as the Ambulance Representative.

**Public Comment**: N. Keyes commented on recent article regarding facebook for townships, and is not in favor of facebook for Gilford Township. Felt that nasty comments and complaints would be the norm.

**Motion for Adjournment** called for at 8:47 P.M. by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Robert L. Haines

Gilford Township Clerk