**GILFORD TOWNSHIP**

TUSCOLA COUNTY

February 9, 2017

**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; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; R. Haines, Clerk; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee. Seven members of the public were also in attendance. The order of agenda was approved.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes of the Previous Special Meeting**: Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by D. Strasz to approve Special meeting minutes as read. Motion carried.

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**Treasurers Report:** Motion by R. Haines, second by K. Houghtaling, to approve treasurers report as presented. Motion approved.

**Speaker:** G. Ellison from Reese Fire and Rescue demonstrated the Evolution thermal imaging camera. Explained the use and importance of the camera on the scene of a fire/rescue. Reese Fire and Rescue is asking for support in offsetting the cost of the camera. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to contract for $2,000.00 for the thermal imaging camera. Motion approved.

**REPORTS**:

**Supervisor:**

Township attorney alerted us that we are now required to publish meeting minutes in a newspaper of general circulation in the township.

Road commission requesting limestone and gravel needs for upcoming season.

T. Fackler reported on assessing- field record upgrade. Explained what Assessment Pros will accomplish. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by K. Houghtaling to contract with Assessment Pros, Inc. to perform the field upgrade for Gilford Township. Motion approved.

T.C. Emergency Management Conference announced.

Fire Insurance Withholding program. Recommended by J. McQuillan. Motion by D. Strasz, second by K. Houghtaling to adopt Resolution 2017-01. Roll call vote: K. Houghtaling, yea; D. Strasz, yea; J. Stockmeyer, yea; R. Haines, yea; A. Goss, yea. Resolution adopted.

Census update coming.

Budget discussion. Reviewed proposed budget, no new additions or corrections. Will formally present at March meeting.

Zoning Administrator discussion. J. Stockmeyer will talk with K. Kosik about zoning administrator job description.

**Treasurer:** None.

**Clerk:**

 Discussion on direct deposit of payroll for board members. Chemical Bank will charge $7.50 per month plus 30 cents per deposit. Will wait until March meeting to decide if current pay method is satisfactory.

Tuscola County looking for townships willing to act as a site for a one day tire collection. After discussion, it was decided Gilford Township will not participate this year.

Motion by D. Strasz, second by A. Goss to approve payment of the bills. Motion approved.

**Trustees:** K. Houghtaling announced Planning Commission meeting first week of March and asked if solar ordinances should be discussed.

**Ambulance Representative:** Free pens at desk from Vassar Area Ambulance Service , Smart 911 handout, 12 runs to Gilford Township in November, and 14 in December.

**Fire Department Representative:** Reese meeting, purchased AD, pelican light purchase for $760.00. Firefighters are now required to read and write, and must attend training classes rather than viewing training videos.

**Zoning Administrator**: NA

**Public Comment:** High cost of farm land makes solar not feasible.

Motion for Adjournment by K. Houghtaling, second J. Stockmeyer.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert L. Haines

Gilford Township Clerk