**GILFORD TOWNSHIP**

**Tuscola County**

May 14, 2015

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Board members present; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor, R.A. Spencer, Clerk, R.A. Kaijala, Treasurer, K. Houghtaling and N. Keyes, Trustees.

**Public Comment:** A resident questioned if we could have an additional handicap parking space in the Township Hall parking lot.

**Minutes of the previous meeting.** A motion was made by R.A. Kaijala and seconded by N. Keyes to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report.** A motion was made by J. Stockmeyer and seconded by R. Spencer to accept the report as written. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor.**

1. Water Project update. Two public hearings have been scheduled for June 11, 2015 at 7:30 PM and June 29, 2015 at 7:30 PM at the Gilford Township Hall.
2. Proposed Blight Ordinance. After discussion, it was decided to move forward with the ordinance.
3. Great Lakes Mapping.-updating of tax maps. A motion was made by K. Houghtaling and seconded by N. Keyes to have new tax maps made. We will request 15 half size map books. Motion carried.
4. **Apex Software updates-New software.** The assessor is looking into the a new sketching software program for assessing.
5. **Cemetery work.** We need to have some land leveling done along the fence lines at the cemetery.
6. **Treasurer.** R. Kaijala has checked into installing a mail box at the Township Hall. A motion was made by R. Kaijala and seconded by K. Houghtaling to have the supervisor install a post and locked mail box at the roadside. Motion carried.

**Clerk.** The contract for the Township web site needs to be renewed. After discussion, it was decided to renew it for five years at a cost of $199.75. Jacob Dohrmann will have it renewed and present a billing to the Township. At the May 4th election. 194 persons voted. The clerk has received several complaints about the Cemetery appearance. Revolution Racing has requested to use the Township Hall parking lot again this year for a rest stop for the bikers. We are now sending a copy of our board minutes to Mary Drier of the Advertiser. There will be an MTA workshop meeting in Frankenmuth on July 28th that the Clerk, Treasurer and Deputy Clerk would like to attend. FOIA guidelines were discussed and tabled until next month for approval. **Resolution 2015-09** to move $25,000.00 from the General Fund to the Garbage fund was introduced. Voice vote; five ayes and zero nays. Resolution adopted. Payment of the bills. A motion was made by J. Stockmeyer and seconded by N. Keyes to approve payment of bills with checks numbered 9854 to 9893 and checks numbered 1086 and 1087 from the TB Wind account. Motion carried.

**Trustee’s.** K. Houghtaling reported on the Planning Commission meeting.

**Ambulance Rep.** No report.

**Fire Dept. Rep.** N. Keyes will start attending the Reese Village Council meetings to keep the Township informed about the Fire Department.

**Zoning Administrator.** No report.

**Public Comment.** Regarding the Cemetery, we should have permanent markers put in at the corners where the wooden stakes are as a result of the recent survey. The water fountain has been repaired in the Hall. Comment was made regarding have the survey of the cemetery recorded at the Register of Deeds.

Adjournment was called for by N. Keyes and seconded by J. Stockmeyer. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by;

Ruth A. Spencer

Gilford Township Clerk