**GILFORD TOWNSHIP**

TUSCOLA COUNTY

July 13, 2023

M**INUTES 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:** Who is paying for this special election?

**Minutes of Previous Board Meeting**: Motion by D. Strasz, second by A. Goss to approve minutes. Motion approved.

**Minutes of Election Commission Meeting:** Motion by A. Goss, second by D. Strasz to approve minutes. Motion approved.

**Minutes of Public Test:** Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to approve minutes. Motion approved.

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

**Supervisor:**  Quality Roasting Tax Abatement Discussion. J. Stockmeyer motioned, D.Strasz second to approve Resolution 2023-11,Approving an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Roll call vote, 5 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution declared adopted. Zero Reese fire runs. Columbaria update: foundations will be poured next week weather permitting. F. Ackerman requested a partial termination to P.A. 116 agreement. D. Strasz motioned, D. Spencer second to approve Resolution 2023-12 for partial termination of a farmland development rights agreement with a pre-existing structure. Roll call vote, 5 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution declared adopted. Proposal for legal presentation was presented by Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman, and Doches lawyers. D. Strasz motioned, A. Goss second to approve Resolution 2023-13 declaring the Bauckham, Thall Seeber, Kaufman, Douches Attorneys at law to represent Gilford Township on all legal services. Roll Call vote; 5 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution declared adopted. Received e-mail from auditors and audit is almost complete, need more signed papers from township.

**Treasurer:** Receiving tax payments. NorthStar bank representative installed check remote. Attending a webinar put on by State of Michigan

**Clerk:** Election update. public test went well. Ballots are starting to be delivered. Attended T.C. Clerk meeting. Received two FOIAS that were answered. Presented Resolution 2011-12 that addresses fee structure for FOIAs. Suggested changing the term computer Disk to Electronic Media and to change Hourly Labor wage from $10.00 to $16.00. J. Stockmeyer motioned, D. Strasz second to approve Resolution 2023-14 stating the changes and to replace Resolution 2011-12 FOIA free schedule. Roll call vote; 5 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution declared adopted. Presented Consumer Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance. The current agreement expires on August 5, 2023. D. Spencer motioned, A. Goss second to approve Ordinance 2023-01 Consumer Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance. Roll call vote 5 yeas, 0 nays. Ordinance declared adopted. Discussion on Cemetery Ordinance. Changes need to be made. Will schedule a special meeting in the future to address the changes needed. Presented the bills. A. Goss motioned, J. Stockmeyer second to pay the bills. Motion approved.

**Trustees**: Reese Parks and Rec. applied for Spark Grant, 47 people helped with playscape construction. Approved pickle ball court paddles and balls can be rented at the Reese Library. There will be a public hearing Aug.14 to address changes made to solar ordinance.

**Ambulance Representative**: One emergency run. Consumers put in a new gas line to generator at Fairgrove Ambulance base. Cooperate meeting was held. Gilford Twp had 63 emergency runs from July 2022-June 2023

**Fire Department Representative**: Reese; had a pop-up pantry, discussed equipment needed. Chief Ellison is retiring. Fairgrove; Gilford had 4 runs from Jan.-June. Department has 21 members, including 5 EMT, received DNR Grant and discussion on replacing Brush Truck

**Zoning Administrator**: No report

**Public Comment**: Any changes on Blight reinforcement? What’s happening with sidewalk uptown?

**Motion for Adjournment**: J. Stockmeyer motioned, D. Spencer second to adjourn. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40p.m.

Diane Spencer

Gilford Township Clerk