

GILFORD TOWNSHIP

June 11, 2020

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; R. Haines, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee. Order of agenda approved.

Public Comment: What is being done about junk on road right of way in Gilford? What was answer to “can you shoot a dog trespassing on your property”? Best to check with police/sheriff before shooting.

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

Treasurers Report: Motion by R. Haines, second by J. Stockmeyer to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: No Reese Fire runs. Roadside mowing, motion by A. Goss, second by D. Strasz to accept bid from Discrete Diesel for 3-year contract at \$4700 per year (2 mowing per year). Motion approved. Gas regulator station near Gilford to be upgraded. Letter sent to Road Commission requesting additional funding for bridge work. Zoning Administrator has resigned, looking for a replacement. Motion by R. Haines, second by A. Goss to appoint J. Stockmeyer as interim zoning administrator. Motion approved. Discussion on CDC requirements for re-opening the Hall. Will inquire modifying office window for accepting payments etc. without entering office. Roadwork on Deckerville road cost overrun due to cement stabilization needed.

Treasurer: Audit is in process, primarily without meeting on site. Tax bills going out end of June. Newsletter going out with tax bills, looking for items to include in newsletter.

Clerk: Record number of Absentee Ballot requests for August, ballots should be sent out the week of June 29nd. Discussion on possible Blight Ordinance, pros and cons, enforcement, costs etc., will consider when Covid-19 allows completion of the revised Zoning Ordinance. Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by A. Goss to pay bills. Motion approved.

Trustees: Planning Commission meeting canceled due to Covid-19.

Ambulance Representative: 59 total runs in 2019, which was 28 less runs compared to previous year. February 6 runs, March 1 run, April 0 runs.

Fire Department Representative: Reese Fire hose testing, trying to make up training due to Covid-19. Trackside donated \$550.00. Fairgrove Fire board and meeting: 4 new fire fighters added, 3 retired, some helped with Midland flood, will attend AF graduation, will do training on home explosions, hose testing coming, small fire at Quality Roasting, 8 runs to Gilford TWP.

Zoning Administrator: None.

Public Comment: Some Juniata TWP wind turbines are being constructed.

Motion by R. Haines, second by J. Stockmeyer to adjourn at 9:40 P.M. Motion approved.

Robert L. Haines

Gilford Township Clerk