**GILFORD TOWNSHIP**

**Tuscola County**

**March 10, 2016**

**Budget Hearing**

The budget hearing was called to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were: Jim Stockmeyer, Supervisor, Ruth Ann Kaijala, Treasurer, and Nancy Keyes, Trustee. Ruth Spencer, Clerk, and Kent Houghtaling, Trustee were absent.

**Budget Discussion**: Jim motioned to move $3200.00 from General Fund to Ambulance Fund to cover current invoice, seconded by Ruth K., motion carried.

Jim motioned to move $30,000.00 from General Fund to Garbage Fund, seconded by Ruth K., motion carried.

**Public Comment**: None.

Motion to adjourn made by Nancy, seconded by Ruth K., motion carried.

**REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Public Comment**: A stone has been damaged by snowplow on the south driveway in the back, by the back curve, north side of driveway. Feel it can be fixed by sexton.

**Public Comment**: Planning Commission met earlier in the week, discussion took place regarding a blight ordinance. Comments made regarding fencing, suggestions made to include “commonly used” fencing with consistent fencing. No permit is needed for a fence, thus making it difficult for person installing a fence to know about the above. Any change of wording of fencing ordinance would require a public hearing as would any other change to an ordinance. Clear Vision Corner Guidelines discussion also took place at Planning Commission meeting. Suggestion to advise everyone of the guidelines could be done by including a separate flyer in the upcoming tax notice which always includes a newsletter. Most everyone felt blight needs to be addressed but how to enforce blight is an issue. Suggestions include a series of letters etc. A blight ordinance is done by the township board, other ordinances by the Planning Commission (then approved by the township board). Tim Gruber will contact Attorney John McQuillan to see if he would be able to attend our next township meeting for clarification and help with the above issues.

**Minutes of previous meeting**: Decided to table #4 and #5 again until next meeting when a full board would be in attendance. Motion by Jim to accept minutes as printed, seconded by Ruth K.

**Treasurers Report:** Motioned by Jim, seconded by Nancy to accept Treasurers Report.

**Motion to adopt the budget,**  seconded by Ruth K. Roll call vote, Jim, yes, Ruth K. , yes, Nancy, yes.

Motion by Jim, seconded by Ruth K., to **adopt trustees salaries.** Roll call vote, Joim, yes, Ruth K., yes, Nancy, yes.

Motion by Jim, seconded by Nancy , **to adopt Treasurer salary,** roll call vote, Jim, yes, Ruth K., yes, Nancy, yes.

Motion by Jim, seconded by Ruth K., to **adopt clerk salary,** roll call vote, Jim, yes, Ruth K., yes, Nancy, yes.

Motion by Ruth K., seconded by Nancy to **adopt supervisors salary,** roll call vote, Jim, yes, Ruth K., yes, Nancy, yes.

**Banking Institutions:** Motion made by Jim, seconded by Ruth K. to accept Northstar Bank, Chemical Bank, and Frankenmuth Credit Union as our banking institutions. Roll call vote, Jim, yes, Ruth K., yes, Nancy, yes.

**Regular Board Meeting Dates:** Motion made by Nancy, seconded by Jim for the following dates: April 12, 2016, May 12, 2016, June 9, 2016, July 14, 2016, August 11, 2016, September 8, 2016, October 13, 2016, November 10, 2016, December 8, 2016, January 12, 2017, February 9, 2017, March 9, 2017. Roll call vote, Jim, yes, Ruth K., yes, Nancy, yes.

Jim motioned, seconded by Ruth K. to approve John McQuillan and Rick Sundquist  **as our attorneys.**  Roll call vote, Jim, yes, Ruth K., yes, Nancy, yes.

**Reports:** Supervisor Jim Stockmeyer received an email from County Engineer Zawerucha regarding Quanicassee road work, coming up with a lower cost for the possible Quanicassee Road project but it is still probably out of line. Should discuss this with a full board present.

**The election was held without a hitch.**

**Board of review** week dates and time given.

**Lawn mowing bid package** was released to Mr. Henry, Mr. Brickel, and Mr. Prime.

**Treasurer:** Ruth K. requested approval to open an account at Northstar Bank in Caro. If we ok Ruth K. to open account there, then we would decide which funds to move there starting with $250,000. Jim motioned, Nancy seconded, approved to get a bank account at Northstar for the $250,000.

**Clerk: Payment of bills** 10133 through 10163. Motioned by Jim, seconded by Nancy to approve payment of bills. Motion passed.

**Trustees:** Nothing.

**Ambulance:** Nothing.

**Fire:** Nothing

**Public Comment:**  Nothing.

Motion to adjourn by Jim, seconded by Ruth K., passed.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Keyes