

# GILFORD TOWNSHIP

APRIL 11, 2019

## 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. Ten members of the public present.

**Public Comment:** Concerns presented to Board regarding narrow roads and bridges and bridges with weight restrictions, also request widening and paving of 1 mile of Quanicassee Rd. Safety concerns were sited. Presenter willing to give additional land if needed to widen road and assist in paving. TWP will send letter of support to Road Commission.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by A. Goss to approve minutes. Motion approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Motion by A. Goss, second by K. Houghtaling to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

Election Commission Meeting: Called to order at 7:48 P.M. Motion by D. Strasz, second by J. Stockmeyer to appoint election inspectors as presented. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:51.

### REPORTS:

**Supervisor:** 2 Reese runs. Public Officials Conference, A. Goss will attend for Gilford TWP. AMAR letter to State regarding assessing issues. Attorney has been hired to assist our Assessor in preventing the State from taking over assessing of Gilford and some other townships. Will run advertisement for road side mowing. Fairgrove Fire contract discussion. Motion by D. Strasz, second by J. Stockmeyer to approve the Fairgrove contract. Motion approved. Motion by D. Strasz second by K. Houghtaling to approve 2019 road paving. Motion approved. Suggestion to get estimate to widen and bring grade up on Quanicassee Rd. J. Stockmeyer will seek estimate from TCRC.

**Treasurer:** Nothing new.

**Clerk:** Spring clean up discussion, Saturday May 18 8:00 A.M. till 4:00 or until dumpsters are full. Discussion on Airadvantage VOIP phone service. Will request 1 phone on a trial basis. Public accuracy test on April 29 at 11:00 A.M. Discussion on MTA request regarding Non Partisan option for elected officials. Resolution presented, supported, roll call vote adopting option of Non Partisan issue, resolution adopted. Deputy Clerk needed, will research advertising options. Discussion on Cemetery Sexton duties. Will bring draft of revised duties to May meeting. Motion by A. Goss second by D. Strasz to pay bills. Motion approved.

**Trustees:** MTA conference report, classes attended, solar energy becoming popular, lots of handouts.

**Ambulance Representative:** No March meeting, next meeting to recognize Ruth Ann Kajjala for her years of service.

**Fire Department Representative:** Reese meeting: looking for better quality flags, attended Stop Bleed Class, voted to sponsor car show. Fairgrove meeting: ordering spectacle kits for helmets, active shooter training, need 3 bids for helmets and gloves in order to secure Star of the West donation.

**Zoning Administrator:** None

**Public Comment:** Contact Novesta TWP for their road side mowing contractor, also put mowing advertisement on website. Suggest we look into why bank is charging \$40.00 per month for analysis. Complaint about Republic dumping front bucket while going down road, losing trash. Suggest newsletter include reminder to BAG their trash. Board commended for their professionalism during meetings, compared to some other townships. Who is watching over the Townships? For example, Juniata TWP problems. Tire drive in Reese cancelled, will be held at Denmark TWP Hall in August.

Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by K. Houghtaling to adjourn at 9:35 P.M. Motion approved.

Robert L. Haines

Gilford Township Clerk