**GILFORD TOWNSHIP**

TUSCOLA COUNTY

October 12, 2023

**MINUTES 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, Absent; K. Houghtaling, Trustee. The order of Agenda was approved.

**Public Comment:** Mark Putnam presented his book “Logging Cass River” and explained meaning of the word Gilford. What’s going on with the grass by the cemetery? Are you going to move cemetery dirt?

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

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

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

**Special Speaker:** Mark Trumbauer from Nextera. Presented the updated decommissioning and removal bond value of the Pegasus Wind Farm turbines. D. Strasz motioned, A. Goss second to accept the updated Decommissioning bond value for Pegasus Wind and give J. Stockmeyer permission to sign the bond. Motion approved.

B. Haines presented pictures and updates on the dirt berm that is being constructed in the cemetery.

**Supervisor:** Zero Reese fire runs. One Columbaria was delivered. Request from R. Humpert to place 40-acre parcel into P.A.116 was presented. A. Goss motioned, D. Spencer second to approve the request. Motion approved. Parcel Division request of 2.5 acres for S. Osantowski and E. Schultz was presented. J. Stockmeyer motioned, D. Strasz second to approve the request. Motion approved. Resolution 2023-17 for Partial Termination request to P.A. 116 agreement for S. Osantowski and E. Schultz was presented. D. Strasz motioned, A. Goss second to approve the request. Roll call vote; 4 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution 2023-17 was adopted. Discussed renewable energy bill that was presented to the House and encouraged everyone to contact their state legislators. Jake break study was done in Gilford, waiting for the report. J. Stockmeyer motioned, A. Goss second to request 2024 road work on Garner Road between Gilford Road and Deckerville Road. Motion approved. Reported on Supervisors retreat. Looking into a new web page company and Cemetery program.

**Treasurer:** Hired M. Hewitt as Deputy clerk. Will contact BS&A regarding tax program and FAT Fund.

**Clerk:** Signed election agreement to consolidate for 9 days of early voting. Sent letters to election inspectors to see who is willing to work any of the 9 days in Fairgrove. Received reimbursement from the county for the August special election. Received a letter from Squanda Electric stating they will do maintenance on the generator for the same price as last year. Presented Ordinance 2023-03, Cemetery updates and additions. D. Strasz motioned, A. Goss second to approve the ordinance. Roll call vote; 4 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution 2023-03 declared adopted. Resolution 2023-18 Gilford Cemetery Fees was presented with changes and additions. D. Strasz motioned, A. Goss second to approve the resolution. Roll call vote; 4 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution 2023-18 declared adopted. Presented the bills. A. Goss motioned, D. Strasz second to pay the bills. Motion approved.

**Trustee:** Had ZBA meeting. Parks and Rec. Did not receive Spark grant. Old slide will remain in park. Looking into why bike racks keep moving.

**Ambulance Representative**: Four emergency runs

**Fire Department Representative**: Reese; Receiving AEDs. Having pancake supper on January 10, 2024. Fairgrove; Mum sale was a success; Receiving smoke and carbon dioxide combo detectors to give away. Assisting Gilford in filling out the MI Fire grant. Juniata Township coverage will end Nov. 1.

**Zoning Administrator**: Sent out Blight letters with no response as of today.

**Public Comment**: None

**Motion for Adjournment**: D. Spencer motioned, D. Strasz second to adjourn. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Diane Spencer

Gilford Township Clerk