**GILFORD TOWNSHIP**

TUSCOLA COUNTY

OCTOBER 13, 2016

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: R.A. Kaijala, Treasurer; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; N. Keyes, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee; R. Haines, clerk. Order of agenda was approved.

**Public Comment:** Request that board members speak louder. Request for no parking signs in front of cemetery. Has TWP Considered roadside mowing? Will reconsider mowing 1 or 2 times per year. Jim will get cost estimates.

**Minutes of Previous Board Meeting:** R.A. Kaijala motion to approve minutes, seconded by N. Keyes, motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Motion by N. Keyes, second by R. Haines to approve treasurers report. Motion carried.

Speaker: Michelle Z. from Road Commission provided graphics and maps showing life expectancy vs cost of chipseal and repaving. Kent asked about what can be done with M-138 widening and repair. Michele says she can relay concerns to the State DOT.

**REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Parcel division for Jean Colliton. Motion by N. Keyes, second by K. Houghtaling to approve parcel divison. Motion approved.

PA 116 agreement for R. and N. Sylvester. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by N. Keyes to approve. Motion approved.

Resolution regarding special assessment clarifies water liens on voluntary water project. C. Heinlein from Denmark TWP provided history of water project leading up to the proposed resolution 2016-6. Specifically allows water lien to be assumable, if property is sold, the water lien does not need to be paid off, can be assumed by the new buyer. Motion by R. Haines, second by N. Keyes to adopt. 2016-6, roll call vote: K. Houghtaling, yea; R.A. Kaijala, yea; J. Stockmeyer,yea; N. Keyes,yea; R. Haines, yea. Resolution adopted.

Cemetery discussion: suggestion to pay Sexton $11.25 per hour for general cemetery work, and $100.00 per burial. Recommended to put cemetery mowing out for bid in spring. Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by N. Keyes to pay Sexton $11.25 per hour, and $100.00 per burial. Motion approved.

Recommended a contract change with Brickel Brothers to include cemetery.

**Treasurer:** Deb Strasz is scheduled for treasurers training on November 30. R. Kaijala motion to transfer $14342.000 from general fund to MISC. Fund , K. Houghtaling seconded, motion carried. Motion by N. Keyes, second by K. Houghtaling to approve payment of bills beginning with check number 10328 through 10350 all inclusive. Motion approved.

**Clerk:** Proposed changes to Zoning Permit form. Add intended use, sequential numbering when printed, and indentify who gets white copy, yellow copy, and pink copy.

Public accuracy test is October 31st. at 3:00 P.M.

13 payees are scheduled to be paid on line starting October 14, 2016.

Audit is complete, no issues reported.

Received March election reimbursement from State. Also, received payment from Tuscola County Advertiser for FOIA documents.

Discussion on recent MTA publication regarding medical marijuana regulations.

**Trustees:** K. Houghtaling report on planning commission meeting. Clear vision area ordinance was determined to be adequate. Blight ordinance is in the hands of the Board of Trustees. No changes in wind ordinances are planned. Motion by J. Stockmeyer , second by R. Haines for Planning Commission to **not** develop ordinance to allow marijuana facilities in Gilford TWP. Next Planning Commission meeting on December 5, 2016.

**Ambulance Representative:** CPR class next week.

**Fire Department Representative:** None.

**Zoning Administrator:** None.

**Public Comment:** Who pays for attorney fees for water issue? Answer: General fund. Regarding the tax fund set aside for appeal, can they be specified in Treasurers report? Answer: They are on record. Does road fund include set aside? Answer: Yes.

Also, discussion on sharing a blight enforcement officer among townships.

Adjournment called for at 9: 29 P.M. by J. Stockmeyer, supported by N. Keyes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Robert L. Haines

Gilford Township Clerk