

# GILFORD TOWNSHIP

August 12, 2021

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30, followed by the pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, Treasurer; D. Spencer, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; K. Houghtaling, Trustee. A. Goss absent. Order of agenda approved.

**Public Comment:** Pleased with Agency 7 ride service that is available for Gilford residents to travel outside Tuscola County.

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

**Treasurers Report:** Motion by; J. Stockmeyer; second by D. Spencer to approve Treasures Report. Motion approved.

### REPORTS:

**Supervisor:** Zero Reese Fire runs. Bids were presented for road work on Quanicassee Rd. K. Houghtaling motioned to accept Nicol and Sons bid for Road work on Quanicassees Rd, D. Strasz second. Motion carried. Assessment Pros will be increasing their fee because of extra work generated from wind turbines. A partial termination and resolution were requested for B. and M. Bittner. K. Houghtaling motioned; D. Strasz second. Motion carried. A letter stating J. McQuillan's retirement was read. Looking for suggestions to replace him. Discussion on adding on to existing cemetery shed. J. Stockmeyer will check into contractors. Republic will resume re-cycle for Gilford township on Sept. 2. There will be a Jaws of Life demonstration at Fairgrove DPW building August 23 at 6:30 p.m. Discussion on the uneven\ bump on Van Geisen Road at the railroad crossing; J. Stockmeyer will send a request to Road Commission to even it out. FEMA letter was tabled until next meeting.

**Treasurer:** 2020 financials were picked up from auditor. TFC will change its name to Huntington October 2021.

**Clerk:** Resolution 2021-16 was presented regarding American Rescue Plan Act; J. Stockmeyer Motioned to accept the resolution 2021-16, D. Strasz second. Roll call vote with 4 yes and one absent. Resolution declared adopted. American Rescue application was received it is "pending audit review". Discussion on township setting an hourly wage for handy man work around the office and cemetery. Decided to let person doing the work submit a bill. For the record at the June Meeting resolution 2021-15 was adopted but the resolution number was not mentioned in minutes. Looking into computer cemetery programs. Discussion on Thumb Body service to Gilford residents. J. Stockmeyer motioned, D. Spencer second to pay half of Thumb Body charge and will re-evaluate at the end of fiscal year. Motioned carried. Need to look at Parks and Rec.

budget as it is being depleted faster than budgeted. Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by D. Strasz to pay the bills, after some discussion regarding Brickel Brothers bill that was received after checks were printed, motion was rescinded then restated to include paying Brickel Brothers bill. Motion carried.

**Trustees:** Nothing to report.

**Ambulance Representative:** Four medical responses. Next meeting will be held at the call center in Saginaw.

**Fire Department Representative:** No report

**Zoning Administrator:** Blight letters sent out.

**Public Comment:** Does Township have to pay back taxes from turbines?

Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz , to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. Motion approved

Diane K. Spencer

Gilford Township Clerk