**GILFORD TOWNSHIP**

TUSCOLA COUNTY

August 9,2023,

**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; K. Houghtaling, Trustee, A. Goss Trustee, absent. The order of Agenda was approved.

**Public Comment:** Has anybody submitted a bill for Thumb body? Is there any money to have roads striping repainted? How do you recognize veterans on a Columbaria?

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

**Public Hearing Minutes:** Motion by D. Spencer second by D. Strrasz to approve minutes. Motion approved.

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

**Supervisor:** Zero Reese fire runs. Columbarium update: foundations were poured, and columbaria should be here in September. A partial termination request was presented for C. Wagner. D. Strasz motioned, J. Stockmeyer second to accept partial termination of .24 tenths of an acre out of P.A. 116. Roll Call vote; 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Resolution 2023-15 was declared adopted. Will be checking with lawyers on what can be done to have residents keep grass mowed on their property.

**Treasurer:** Receiving summer taxes. Received notification that we were overpaid for METRO tax, and they will be deducting the difference on next year’s payment.

**Clerk:** Election update: 78 Av ballots were mailed, 75 AV ballots returned. Total voters 145. The Board of canvassers certified the election August 10. Waiting to hear if we will have a post-election audit. County clerk meeting is August 17. Received FOIA for tabulator tape. Will investigate the pros and cons of having 9 days of voting in 2024 in our precinct or consolidating with other townships. Need to set up special meeting to review and update our cemetery ordinance to include information on columbaria’s.

**Trustees**: Monday August 14 @ 7:30 there will be a public hearing discussing solar ordinance.

**Ambulance Representative**: Four emergency runs. There is a dispenser for free Narcan, among other things, located in the health department.

**Fire Department Representative**: No report

**Zoning Administrator**: No report

**Public Comment**: Are we moving headstones by columbaria? Garner road bridge railings project is in progress. Progress on dirt on sidewalk in Gilford. What is all involved in 9 days of early voting and what will it cost?

**Motion for Adjournment**: D. Spencer motioned, J. Stockmeyer second to adjourn. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Diane Spencer

Gilford Township Clerk