

GILFORD TOWNSHIP NEWS December 2024

GILFORD TOWNSHIP HALL

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MEETINGS: 2ND THURSDAY @ 7:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAYS 9AM-12PM

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS:

Supervisor: James Stockmeyer Sr. 989-252-3099

Clerk: Diane Spencer 989-980-7144

Treasurer: Debra Strasz 989-868-4911

Trustees: Kent Houghtaling 989-659-2478

Amanda Goss 989-293-7310

Zoning Administrator:

Chris Hager 989-213-7960

Assessor: Susan Jensen 989-871-5649

Sexton: Walt Zissler

Contact through Jim Stockmeyer 989-252-3099

Planning Commission:

Jacob Dohrman 989-863-0780

Tim Gruber 989-868-3562

Kent Houghtaling 989-659-2478

John Kaijala 989-693-6437

Adam Sayles 989-906-168

Board of Review:

Chris Hager 989-213-7960

Mel Goss 989-868-9973

Phil Budry 989-868-9849

Brandon Wagner 989-598-1816

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

Monday, December 9th 9am

WINTER 2024 PROPERTY TAXES

The township treasurer will be at the township hall on Monday, December 29th, 2024 and Friday, February 28th, 2025 from 9am to 5pm to collect taxes. Tax payments may also be collected during office hours – Mondays 9am-12pm. Payments may also be mailed or placed in the drop box at the township hall. **Tax payments must be received by the township treasurer no later than Friday, February 28th 2025 at 5pm. TAX PAYMENTS RECEIVED AFTER February 28th 2025 WILL BE CONSIDERED DELIQUENT AND INTEREST OF 1% PER MONTH WILL BE CHARGED UNTIL PAID IN FULL AT THE COUNTY OFFICE. POSTMARK DATES NOT ACCEPTED.**

NEW! We are now accepting credit cards for tax payments. **There will be a 3.5% processing fee.**

ATTENTION: Gilford Township will reimburse half of the fee of Thumb Body transportation service for medical services or adults unable to drive. The township must receive a copy of the receipt for reimbursement. **Child pick up/drop off not eligible for reimbursement.**

BURNING PERMITS

Reese Fire District: call 989-868-3661, leave a message and someone will return your call

Fairgrove Fire District: call 989-693-6030, leave a message and someone will return your call

ZONING PERMITS

Before you begin construction, install central air or pour concrete on your property please contact the township Zoning Administrator to see if you require a permit.

FEES:

Before construction: \$20

After construction: \$20 for permit PLUS \$30 FINE = \$50

ZONING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL LAND OWNERS FOR ANY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION EVEN IF YOU DO NOT NEED A BUILDING PERMIT

DEMOLITION PERMITS

Demolition permits are free and needed before tear down or removal of a structure from your property.

BLIGHT: The Township has been in communication with their lawyers and is in the process of enforcing the anti-blight ordinance.

NEW: UNCONTROLLED PLANT GROWTH ORDINANCE IN EFFECT. GRASS MUST BE CUT TO A HEIGHT OF 10 INCHES OR LESS. A MINIMUM FINE OF \$150 WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE. FINES WILL BE ADDED TO TAXES. To view the full ordinance, visit our website.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping your yard maintained and FREE OF CLUTTER.

*****ELECTION NEWS*****

For the November 5th election, 475 of the 611 Gilford Township registered voters voted.

In person on Election Day: 250

Absentee Ballot: 146

Early voters: 79

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO VIDEO RECORDING ALLOWED IN THE TOWNSHIP HALL ON ELECTION DAY. VOTERS MAY TAKE A PHOTO, NOT VIDEO, OF THEIR OWN BALLOT WHILE IN THEIR OWN VOTING BOTH.

REMINDER:

Starting in 2025 we will no longer mail applications to vote. We will only be sending ballots to voters who checked the box labeled: **"Automatically send me an absent voter ballot for each future election for which I'm eligible."** If you did not check the box and would like a ballot mailed to you or if you have any other questions please contact the clerk.

CEMETERY

Columbaria are constructed and spaces are ready for purchase! Columbaria spaces are discounted to \$900 through March 31, 2025. Beginning in April 2025 spaces will be \$1200 for residents. All winter decorations must be removed by April 1st, 2025

VISIT THE TOWNSHIP'S WEBSITE FOR MEETING MINUTES, ORDINANCES, MEETING DATES AND MORE