**GILFORD TOWNSHIP**

**TUSCOLA COUNTY**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2018**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Board members present were; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor, D. Strasz, Treasurer, A. Goss, Trustee and R. Spencer, Dep. Clerk. Absent; R Haines and K. Houghtaling.

**Order of agenda:** Approved.

**Public Comment:** Kevin Daley who is running for the State Senate spoke as to his qualifications for the position. This seat is currently held by M. Green who is term limited. N. Keyes would like the Township to purchase house numbers for every residence and install them on posts by the driveway so it will be easier for emergency responders to locate your residence. Jim asked her to head a committee to look into the prices and A. Goss will help her. G. Reif wondered what happened to the spot-ahead signs talked about last fall. He also wondered if we were mandated to use the trash containers?

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Motion by J. Stockmeyer and second by D. Strasz to approve. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Motion by A. Goss and second by J. Stockmeyer to approve. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**

**Reese fire runs.** Two reported for January. Would like A. Goss to ask Fairgrove to provide the same information to the Township.

**Land Plan- Planning Commission Ordinance.** Motion to accept the agreement to draft the Planning Commission Ordinance was made by D. Strasz and seconded by A. Goss. Motion carried.

**T.C. letter-limestone or gravel hauling.** After discussion, decided not to have any delivered this year.

**Cemetery Burial Fees:** J. Stockmeyer feels the Township need to increase the fees charged for burials. The following shows the new increases: Weekday burials; $700.00, Saturday and Sunday; $800.00, Cremations; $300.00. Motion to approve these increases by resolution made by J. Stockmeyer and seconded by D. Strasz. Motion carried. **Resolution 2018-01 Increase in Cemetery Burial Fees.** Roll call vote as follows; J. Stockmeyer, aye, D. Strasz, aye, A. Goss, aye. Three ayes, zero nays. Two absent. Resolution declared adopted and effective April 1, 2018.

**P.A. 116 partial Termination-Timothy Budry.** Motion made by J. Stockmeyer and seconded by A. Goss to approve the partial termination. Motion carried.

**Proposed new millage to include fire, ambulance and garbage.** J. Stockmeyer proposed one mill for ten years to capture more revenue to support these services. By combining these three funds and eliminating the charges for ambulance and garbage on the taxes, it would end up saving the taxpayers money they pay in property taxes.

**Treasurer.** On February 28, 2018, the office will be open to collect taxes from 9 am to 5 pm.

**Clerk.** Need to adjust budget and move monies from the Misc. line item to the Planning and Zoning line item. A motion was made by J. Stockmeyer and seconded by D. Strasz to move $4,000.00 from Misc. to Planning and Zoning. Motion carried. Payment of the bills followed. A motion was made by J. Stockmeyer and seconded by D. Strasz to approve payment. Motion carried.

**Ambulance.** There were four runs in the month of January in the Township.

**Fire.** A. Goss reported on the fire meeting in Reese.

**Zoning Administrator.** No report.

**Public Comment.** None

Adjournment was called at 8:53 PM with a motion made by J. Stockmeyer and seconded by A. Goss. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by;

Ruth Spencer, Deputy Clerk.