**GILFORD TOWNSHIP**

TUSCOLA COUNTY

November 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. The order of Agenda was approved.

**Public Comment:** What’s happening with the sidewalk uptown. Can painting the lines on the roads be put in next year’s budget? Was there a building permit issued for construction on Bradleyville road? Stones around columbaria could be a problem setting up chairs.

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

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

**Special Speaker:** Kristen Young, Fairgrove Village president, and Leslie Harris member of Fairgrove Fire board. They asked for input on our thoughts and ideas for helping with financial support. The equipment needs are many and costly and the cost of maintaining equipment keeps going up.

Nick from Discrete Diesel reported on the clean-up of stumps and pieces of stone and concrete in front of dump.

**Supervisor:**  Discussion on financial help for Fairgrove fire, no decision made, will schedule a special meeting. Zero Reese fire runs. Columbarium update: One columbarium is completed and ready to use and landscaping around columbaria’s is finished. Legislation for wind and solar was approved by the Senate and the House. Solar Ordinance 2023-02 was presented by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz. Roll call vote, 5 yeas, 0 nays. Ordinance 2023-02 declared adopted. The Ordinance will go into effect 30 days after publication. Partial termination was denied for C. Wagner, his lawyer is looking into it. A new berm for dirt and sand is finished at the cemetery. Getting bids on removal of old berm. Internet problems this week led us to investigate new computer support.

**Treasurer:** Waiting for data from the county then tax bills will be printed and be mailed by Nov.29.

**Clerk:** Letters went out to funeral homes and monument businesses informing them of updated cemetery fees and letting them know we have columbaria. Getting bids for new cemetery program. D. Spencer presented Gilford Township Cemetery Ordinance 2023-03 Amended, A. Goss second to approve the amended ordinance. Roll call vote 5 yeas, 0 nays. Ordinance 2023-03 declared adopted. The ordinance will go into effect 30 days after publication. D. Spencer presented resolution 2023-19 Opposing Any Legislation Preempting Local Control for Solar and Wind development, second by J. Stockmeyer. Roll call vote 5 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution declared adopted. D. Spencer presented Resolution 2023-20 State of Michigan Sanitary Code Resolution, second by D. Strasz. Roll call vote 5 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution declared adopted. Presented the bills. A. Goss motioned, D. Strasz second to pay the bills. Motion approved.

**Trustees**: Parks and Rec.; Looking into buying more sensory equipment for the playscape. Baseball diamond #2 will be dedicated to Don Petro. Sixty-four bricks have been purchased.

**Ambulance Representative**: No report, meeting was cancelled.

**Fire Department Representative**: December 2 is Christmas walk. Elected officers; Mike Evans as Chief and Jeremy Ross as Assistant Chief.

**Zoning Administrator**: No report

**Public Comment**: None

**Motion for Adjournment**: J. Stockmeyer motioned, D. Strasz second to adjourn. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50p.m.

Diane Spencer

Gilford Township Clerk