

A regular monthly meeting of the Gilmore Township Board was held on Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 at the Gilmore Township Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stark, Gibbs, McConnell, Marshall, Rogalski

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Mary Battaglia the Director of Internships at MMCC gave a presentation on Mid Michigan Community College. She discussed the cost per credit hour for in district and out of district students, enrollment numbers, dual enrollments, job placement and internships.

AGENDA: The Supervisor circulated a copy of the agenda to each Board Member for their review. He called for any additions, deletions or corrections. Hearing none a motion was made by Gibbs and Seconded by Rogalski to approve the agenda as presented.

All Yeas being ~~heard~~ ^{heard} the motion carries: Yeas-5, Nayas-0

PREVIOUS MINUTES: The Clerk circulated a copy of the January 10th, 2018 meeting minutes to each Board Member for their review. The Supervisor called for any corrections to the previous minutes. Hearing none a motion was made by Rogalski and seconded by McConnell to approve the previous minutes as presented.

All Yeas being heard the motion carries: Yeas-5, Nayas-0

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer circulated a copy of the treasurer's report to each Board Member for their review and read it aloud. The Treasurer noted that the Winn Road Project from 2017 came in approximately \$9300.00 below the estimate. A motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Rogalski to approve the treasurer's report in the amount of \$29,314.63 and check numbers 8094-8111.

All Yeas being heard the motion carries: Yeas-5, Nayas-0

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Board of Review dates and times are as follows, organizational meeting to be Tuesday March 6th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday March 13th from 3:00-9:00p.m. and Friday, March 16th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- B. Poverty exemption levels. A motion was made by Marshall and seconded by Gibbs to use the Federal Poverty Guidelines as the Exemption level. This level has been the same since 2016. All Yeas being heard the motion carries: Yeas-5, Nayas-0.

- C. Board of Review and election worker wages, the Clerk brought up the subject of wages and that the hourly rate is low. The Clerk would like to see the rate increase and a motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Rogalski to discuss wage increases at the budget workshop. All Yeas being heard the motion carries: Yeas-5, Nays-0.
- D. Winn Road completion costs for the Proposed Winn road repairs for 2018. Estimated cost is \$60,517.65. There are funds left over from last years project to apply to this cost. This matter was tabled until the March 2018 Meeting.
- E. Brining for the Township roads for 2018 will be the same cost as 2017. This matter was tabled until the March 2018 meeting.
- F. Budget workshop will be held on Friday, March 23rd,2018 at 5:30 p.m. and the Budget Hearing will be held on Friday, March 30th,2018 at 5:30 p.m.
- G. Zoning at the township level. The Clerk brought up the topic of zoning at the township level. He stated there may be a petition being circulated around the township to have language put on the ballot to have township zoning instead of county zoning. Gibbs said that he had not seen any petition yet. No other Board members stated that they had seen a petition. The Supervisor asked for the Board Members Position on township zoning, Gibbs stated that he was in favor of county zoning due to the costs, lack of volunteers to set on the boards and the time. Marshall stated that the Board had checked into this previously in the year 2008 and that due to costs and other factors, township zoning was not implemented. McConnell stated that he feels the zoning should be done at the township level. Rogalski stated that this topic needs to be studied to determine the cost and what it would take to implement township zoning. Stark stated that the county has been doing a good job with the zoning, he stated that there is an opening at the county level now that is having difficulty being filled. Stark also stated that there will be a cost to have the township provide the planning and zoning. Residents will still pay the county operating fees on top of a possible mileage at the township level.

OLD BUSINESS: None

OFFICER'S REPORT: McConnell thanked Ann Silker for her hard work on the County Planning Commission. Marshall is still accepting taxes at this time. Rogalski stated that the corruption at the County Level of Government was

shocking to him. Gibbs reported that he will be working on preparing the budget paper work for the March meeting dates. Several Board Members stated that they did not like how this zoning issue has divided the community. Stark reported that asphalt costs are up 20% from previous years and that gravel is up approximately \$7.00 per ton.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Graham spoke from the Isabella County Road Commission. He stated that there are still 4 roads closed due to damage from the flooding in 2017. 1 road may not be reopened in 2018. Graham mentioned the proposed new building project at the Road Commission and wanting to keep the cost to around \$8 million dollars. Ed Reihl stated that he would like to see 3 applications of brine on the township roads and that he is not in favor of the ice control that the county puts on the paved roads. Louise Mogg presented a petition *planning* to the Clerk to place the question of township zoning on the ballot.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

All yeas being heard the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas G Gibbs, Clerk, ~~un~~approved minutes, February 14th, 2018.

