

A regular monthly meeting of the Gilmore Township board was held on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Gilmore Township Hall.

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gibbs, McConnell, Marshall, Rogalski, Lasher

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The Supervisor circulated a copy of the agenda to each Board Member for their review. The Supervisor asked for any additions or corrections. A motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Rogalski to approve the agenda as presented.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Clerk circulated a copy of the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes to each Board Member for their review. The Supervisor asked for any corrections. A motion was made by Marshall 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 and read it aloud. The Supervisor asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. A motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Gibbs to approve the treasurer's report in the amount of \$34712.65 with check numbers 8207-8230.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** A. Primary elections on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Clerk stated that election went very well with a high voter turnout. The election inspectors worked very hard and did an excellent job. The door to enter the hall is very heavy and the Clerk noted that numerous people had difficulty opening the door due to the weight. The Board had no objections to the Clerk contacting a company and checking into what it would take to make the door open easier before the November 2018 elections. The Clerk also noted that 2 ladies stopped by during the election and inspected the repairs that the Township had done to the ramp to get into the hall. They were satisfied with the repairs that were completed.

B. Assessor's contract. The Supervisor circulated a copy of the assessor's contract and asked for a motion to approve the contract. Marshall made a motion to approve the contract and Gibbs seconded.

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

C. Wahl Lake property. Gibbs had contacted the insurance carrier for the Township and asked about responsibility and who is liable for trees that fall onto neighboring property. Gibbs was informed that it is the adjacent property owner's insurance who covers damage done to their property from falling trees. The insurance carrier also stated that the Township has Governmental immunity. The Supervisor asked <sup>to</sup> discuss~~d~~ the options of what the Township can do with the property. He stated that selling the property is not an option. The supervisor stated that there is an application for conveyance of state land for public resources that could be applied for. Possibly checking into a conservancy taking over the property on Wahl Lake. Gibbs stated that he would like to check into a conservancy developing this into a nature/hiking park. McConnell and Rogalski stated that they would like to see the property left the way it is. The topic was opened for public comment.

Vince Stark stated the he would like to see the DNR take the property back.

Pat Marshall asked if the DNR took the property back would the public be able to use the property?

John Graham stated that every 8-10 years this topic comes in front of the Board. He also stated that they had at one time located the property survey pins and that the property is already being infringed upon. He recommended contacting Sue at the Isabella County parks and rec.

Albert from Apex Wind suggested contacting the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy.

The supervisor will check into this matter further.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Truth in taxation-Headlee rollback. A motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Marshall to approve this rollback.

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

**OFFICER'S REPORT:** Marshall stated that taxes are going along fine. Gibbs stated that the election went very well and he could not thank the election inspectors

enough for doing a great job. The Clerk will also have the audit information added to the website and check on the propane for the Township at Coyne Oil.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Vince Stark stated that the election workers did a great job. John Graham from the Isabella County Road Commission spoke about the increase in asphalt prices. Prices are up 22%. 50 miles of gravel projects have been completed this year. The box culvert repairs on Loomis road are being completed. The county will be focusing next year on chip sealing roads in the county.

Collen Vogel stated that the bathroom in the Township hall is appalling. Bathroom was dirty on the day of the election.

Sandy Grendel asked what could be done about all the loud explosions in the neighborhood.

Vince Stark stated that the Township would need to pass a noise ordinance before the sheriff's department would enforce a noise violation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by McConnell to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

All Yeas being heard the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas G Gibbs, Clerk, ~~X~~approved minutes August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Thomas G Gibbs', written in black ink.