

A regular monthly meeting of the Gilmore Township board was held on September 13th, 2023 at the Gilmore Township hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gibbs, Lasher, McConnell, Marshall, Silker

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Marshall to approve the agenda as presented. All Yeas being heard the motion carried. Yeas-5, Nayas-0

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 9TH, 2023 MINUTES: A motion was made by Silker and seconded by McConnell to approve the previous minutes as presented. All yeas being heard the motion carried. Yeas-5, Nayas-0

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Silker to approve the Treasurer's report in the amount of \$18,139.69 with check numbers 9375-9389. All yeas being heard the motion carried. Yeas-5, Nayas-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A. New township hall. Lasher stated that with contract approval bid documents could be prepared by the October meeting. Lasher also presented information to the Board on the use of a bank loan instead of a USDA loan to fund the new building project. A motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Marshall to approve pursuing an Act 99 loan with a bank and not using a USDA loan for the new hall project. A roll call vote was taken. Gibbs-Yeas, Marshall-Yeas, Silker-Yeas, Lasher-Yeas, McConnell-Naye. The motion carried. A discussion was held on approving a soil boring contract and approval of the contract with Lapham and Associates for work to be completed on the new project. A motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Silker to approve the soil boring contract with Snider and Associates for the amount of \$3,300.00. A roll call vote was taken: McConnell-Naye, Marshall-Yeas, Lasher-Yeas, Gibbs-Yeas, Silker-Yeas. The motion carried. A motion was made by Silker and seconded by Gibbs to approve the

contract with Lapham and associates in the amount of \$12,000.00. A roll call vote was taken. McConnell-Naye, Marshall-Yeas, Lasher-Yeas, Gibbs-Yeas, Silker-Yeas. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Elections, Gibbs presented info on working with the County of Isabella for the early 9 day voting period. Under the agreement Gilmore Township residents would vote during the 9 day early voting period at the County Building. This agreement saves the township a considerable amount of funds and would cost the Township \$2,500.00 annually. A motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Silker to approve the contract with the County for the early 9 day voting period. A roll call vote was taken. Gibbs-Yeas, Lasher-Yeas, McConnell-Naye, Silker-Yeas, Marshall-Yeas. The motion carried.

OFFICER'S REPORT. Silker spoke on cleaning the grave stones of Veterans that are buried at the cemetery. Silker stated that there are no stones to mark the graves of 10 Veterans and also stated that the cemetery will need some work on cleaning shrubs that are covering graves. Marshall stated that taxes are due on the 14th of September. Lasher stated that there is a need for a new clerk in the township and that Silker and Lasher would also not be seeking reelection in 2024. Lasher stated that the cemetery info being updated into the new BS&A program was not completed and that the township is searching for another person to complete this task.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. All yeas being heard the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas G Gibbs, Clerk, ~~un~~approved minutes, September 13th, 2023

