

A regular monthly meeting of the Gilmore Township Board was held on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Gilmore Township Hall.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** Mr. Kevon Martis, Executive Director for Interstate Informed Citizen's Coalition gave a presentation on the negative side of Wind Farms and County Zoning. Mr. Martis presented options for property rights zoning.

Josh Nolan an attorney gave a presentation on zoning at the township level.

After the presentation there was much discussion from the public on County Zoning, Township Zoning, and Wind Farms.

Colleen Vogel stated that she owns 100's of acres of land in Gilmore Township and feels that Gilmore Township should have zoning at the Township level and not at the County level.

John Graham stated that Township zoning would be costly and expensive and that getting township residents to apply for the positions would be very difficult.

John Pedjac from Denver Township spoke about township zoning.

Ann Silker spoke that there is a Planning Commission Meeting at the County Building on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 that will discuss Wind Farm Ordinances.

George Green the County Commissioner spoke about the difficulties in finding people willing to fill the positions on the County Planning Commission. Green stated that it is up to the Township Board and the people of the township to decide which level of zoning they want to use.

Jim Moreno a County Commissioner stated that there are instances when the courts have decided zoning issues.

Keith Dehollander from the Christian Coalition spoke on the benefits of Wind Farms.

**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 Marshall to approve the agenda as presented.

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

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The Clerk circulated a copy of the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting minutes to each Board Member for their review. The Supervisor called for any corrections to the previous minutes. There was one spelling error that was corrected. A motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Rogalski to approve the previous minutes with the minor spelling correction.

All Yeas being heard the motion carries: Yeas-5, Nays-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. A motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by McConnell to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$11,480.62 and check numbers 8078-8093.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:** The Supervisor informed the Board and the public that one of the township assessor's Brenda Beach had passed away in December of 2017. Beach and Beach will continue with the township assessing. Mary Battaglia will be present at next month's board meeting to speak. The Treasurer reported that the tax collection is going well. The Clerk reported that he attended the planning commission meeting in December and will attend the planning commission meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Scott Hawken introduced himself from APEX Wind and stated that they have an office in Rosebush and that anyone can stop in to have questions answered.

Garith Delecourt commented that she previously was on the zoning board in Wise Township and that it was expensive to the township.

John Graham from the Isabella County Road Commission stated that bids will be going out for the ¾ mile Winn Road project. Graham also stated that the Road Commission has asked for the full faith and credit of Isabella County on the proposed new building project. The Road Commission is looking to sell the old Carter Lumber property.

Larry Cotter spoke in regards to the Wind Farm ordinances and would like to see the setback distances increased.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

All Yeas being heard the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas G Gibbs, Clerk, ~~un~~approved minutes, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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