A regular monthly meeting of the Gilmore Township Board was held on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>,2018 at the Gilmore Township Hall.

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. a motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Marshall to have the Clerk run the meeting.

All Yeas being heard the motion carries: Yeas-4, Nayes-0

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gibbs, Rogalski, McConnell, Marshall

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stark

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** John Graham from the Isabella County Road Commission was present and gave a report on the status of the road repairs in the county that are being completed at this time.

AGENDA: The Clerk circulated a copy of the agenda to each Board Member and asked for any corrections or additions. A correction was made by adding the Agenda as item 4. A motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Marshall to approve the Agenda with correction.

All Yeas being heard the motion carries: Yeas-4, Nayes-0

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The Clerk circulated a copy of the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes to each Board Member for their review. A motion was made by Rogalski and seconded by Marshall to approve the previous minutes as presented.

All Yeas being heard the motion carries: Yeas-4, Nayes-0

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer circulated a copy of the Treasurer's report to each Board Member and read it aloud. The attorney who prepared the termination letter for the assessor recommended not sending payment to Beach and Beach Assessing. There was also discussion on the payment to 3D electric. 3D had replaced an outdoor lamp on the east end of the Hall. A motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Gibbs to approve the treasurer's report in the amount of \$15971.24 and check numbers 8149-8165.

All Yeas being heard the motion carries: Yeas-4, Nayes-0

NEW BUSINESS: A. Gilmore road repair. An estimate was prepared by the Isabella County Road Commission for adding limestone in two locations on Gilmore Road. One location north of Coleman Rd was estimated to need 300 tons of limestone at a cost of \$8580.52. The other location was just south of Grass Lake Rd and was estimated to need 900 tons of limestone at a cost of \$25717.70. After Board

discussion there was no motion made to complete this project. This project was not in the Budget for 2018-2019.

B. Ballot language proposal one. Ballot language was presented to put on the August Ballot in regards to township planning. After much discussion Rogalski made a motion to remove the proposal with language to increase millage up to 3 mills. This motion was seconded by McConnell.

Roll call vote: McConnell-Yeas, Gibbs-Yeas, Marshall-Naye, Rogalski-Yeas. The motion carries.

C. Ballot Language proposal two. Ballot language was presented to be placed on the August Ballot in regards to Gilmore Township forming a Planning Commission. After much discussion a motion was made by Rogalski and seconded by Gibbs to approve the ballot question. Ballot question is worded as ( Shall Gilmore Township adopt and ordinance creating a Gilmore Township Planning Commission pursuant to the Michigan Planning Commission Enabling Act, 2008 PA 33, to transfer the authority of a planning commission from Isabella County to the Township of Gilmore?).
All Yeas being heard with motion carries: Yeas-4, Nayes-0

D. Resignation of Supervisor Vince Stark. The Clerk was handed a letter of resignation earlier in the day from Supervisor Stark. A motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Marshall to accept the resignation.

All Yeas being heard the motion carries: Yeas-4, Nayes-0

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

OFFICERS REPORTS: Marshall stated the the audit for the Township will be complete on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May,2018. Cost is the same as previous years. The Treasurer stated that she has been receiving numerous phone calls from topics ranging from the re-appraisals of township parcels, the smell of the local farms, signs pertaining to wind and planning, and the detour routes for road construction projects. Marshall wanted to make certain that the constituents know that she has no influence in any of these topics. The Clerk stated that he is taking the ballot containers to the county building for inspections on the 10th, the Clerk also discussed letters from Tara Hovey in regards to Beach assessing, elections supplies will be ordered soon for AV Ballots, election training is coming up on June 13th and 14th for election workers, the Clerk received an email in

regards to the reappraisal, the company completing the reappraisal will send out post cards to property owners prior to inspections, the Clerk also recommended that at the June 2018 Board meeting that a new supervisor needs to be appointed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ed Becker spoke as to the condition of Gilmore Rd. He asked the board to reconsider our decision on not adding limestone. He would like to see the project completed if the 2% funds are approved.

Gary Seymour stated that he wants everyone to know that if the Gilmore Township Planning Commission passes in August on the ballot that there will be an expense.

John Graham stated that he thinks that a millage proposal should be on the ballot along with the language that was approved. He wants to make certain that people in the township the the cost of Township Planning.

Marge Horn stated that Isabella Township approved their ballot language with no language about millage increases.

Luann Mogg stated that Isabella Township did not put millage increase language on their ballot question and that a township zoning attorney stated that no millage increases will be needed to fund a planning commission.

Larry Cotter spoke about the proposed setbacks involving wind turbines. He feels that the setbacks need to be changed to protect the residents. He recommended that township supervisors meet with the planning commission to discuss.

Colleen Vogel stated that the attorney who spoke at the March 2018 Gilmore Township meeting (Mike Homier) claims that the cost of township Planning will not be as expensive as everyone thinks.

Marge Horn stated that Wise Township never spends the amount that they budget for Township planning and zoning.

Grant Allen asked when the new cell tower by the Littlefield Lake boat launch will be operational. After being informed that the tower was up and running Grant stated that his cell service has not improved.

Steve Lasher spoke about the reappraisal and that people's taxes will go up if there are buildings on their property that are not currently being taxed. He stated that the current assessments are in poor condition. This reappraisal will raise taxes at a rate higher than the inflation rate.

Camille Kutis questioned if home owners need to let the company completing the reappraisals into their homes.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

All Yeas being heard the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas G Gibbs, Clerk, unapproved minutes, May 9th, 2018

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