

MINUTES - MARCH 14, 2023

The Gilpin Township Board of Supervisors held a their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the township municipal building. Roll call was as follows: Linda Alworth - absent; Jeremy Smail - absent; Charles Stull - present; Kris Kulick - present; Kevin Miller - present; Sharon Long - present; Tim Miller - present via speaker phone, SARPD - present; Ted Long - present.

VISITORS WRITTEN REQUESTS: None.

Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer, presented the minutes from the previous meeting. Kris Kulick made a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer, read the financial report. Kevin Miller made a motion to approve the report. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer, presented a bills to be paid list making an amendment to it by adding the bill from Tim Miller. Kevin Miller made a motion to pay the bills. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Miller made a motion to have an executive session for litigation. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried. Session was held at 7:08 PM. Meeting was called back to order at 7:19 PM with nothing to report.

Tim Miller, Solicitor, presented is solicitor's report. Kris Kulick made a motion to approve the report. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to leave the park acquisition on the table. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to advertise bids for materials to be opened at the April meeting. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull stated that he would like to create an Industrial Economic Development Committee to get established to help revitalize the township. He is looking for community members to be a part of it.

Tim Miller, Solicitor, gave his legal advice regarding the property on Raymond Road with an abandoned house. A suggestion was brought up by a resident for the township to purchase it out of repository then sell to them so they could tear it down. Tim advised the supervisors against this idea. Ron Graham of Raymond Road spoke up about this property stating that it abuts his property and he has been talking to different county officials with how to handle it. He talked about the county land bank that is available to tearing down blighted properties. The board of supervisors will look into getting more information from the county to see what all would be involved with this opportunity to see if the costs can be offset to remove such properties.

Jessica Trudgen also from Raymond Road asked is the supervisors could keep her informed of the status of everything involving this property as well.

Kevin Miller made a motion to change the regular meeting date from April 12th to April 18th due to Charles Stull, Sharon Long & Ted Long traveling to Harrisburg to support Chief

Fabec in receiving an award for Southern Armstrong Regional Police, Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Ted Long, Road Foreman, spoke about having an agreement with PennDot for the township to mow the state right of ways except for Hungry Hollow Road at a cost of \$8174.80 for such agreement. He stated that they had been mowing these roads up until this year to offset a mutual services agreement. Kevin Miller made a motion to go into this agreement. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made mention that he would like to create a township logo and flag. He was seeking input from the board on their thoughts. At many other conventions and seminars you will see township employees wearing shirts with the logos on them and the PSATS convention there is a chance to do a parade of township flags. This had him realize that the township is overdue for making this change as well.

Sharon Long, Zoning Officer, read the zoning report. Kevin Miller made a motion to approve the report. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Ted Long, Foreman, was read his road report for the month. Kris Kulick made a motion to approve the report. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to offer a letter of support to Armstrong Trails for their latest ideas and for Sharon Long to send it. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

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James Morrison of 1697 Hungry Hollow Road wanted to know what he needed to do to tear down a house. Sharon Long, Zoning Officer, stated they could get the permit after the meeting.

Aaron Trudgen of 131 Raymond Road asked about the property located on Raymond Road, is the township going to look into it now?

Ron Graham of Raymond Road says he was told the land bank application was a simple 1 page application obtained easily.

Chaz Minnick of 164 Shearer Road said what about the burned house on Banfield Road, We were able to tear than down the next day, why can't we do the same for this house? Charles Stull stated that it was a matter of immediate safety with the burned down house. The building inspector inspected the house on Raymond and felt it did not pose an immediate threat.

Joe Sabot of Banfield Road wanted pressure put on the offenders that are traveling fast on the road along with scrap falling off their vehicles onto the road.

Kevin Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Sharon Long
Secretary Treasurer