

MINUTES - DECEMBER 14, 2020

The Gilpin Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020, at 7:00 PM via zoom. Roll call was as follows: Linda Alworth - present; Jeremy Smail - present; Charles Stull - present; Kris Kulick - present; Susan Brown - present; Sharon Long - present; Tim Miller - present; Chris Fabec - present; Ted Long - present.

VISITORS WRITTEN REQUESTS:

None.

Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer, presented the minutes from the previous meetings. Jeremy Smail made a motion to approve all sets of minutes. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

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

Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer, presented a bills to be paid list. Susan Brown made a motion to pay the bills. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Tim Miller, Solicitor, presented his solicitor report. Jeremy Smail made a motion to accept the report. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Susan Brown made a motion to table the McCoy Road discussion. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Susan Brown made a motion to advertise for the zoning amendment for the year end meeting. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull, Chairman, presented a budget presentation slide show to explain how a tax mil effects taxpayers.

Susan Brown made a motion to accept the resignation of Matthew Morelli with regret. Linda Alworth seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Alworth made a motion to hire Mason Fontana as a part time patrolman. Susan Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Susan Brown made a motion to accept the resignation of Joel Kneppshield from the Gilpin Township Municipal Authority. Linda Alworth seconded. Motion carried.

Chris Fabec, Chief, read the police report at this time. Linda Alworth made a motion to approve the report. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

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

Chris Fabec, Chief, stated that there was no dog report for the month.

Ted Long, Road Foreman, read the road report for the month. Kris Kulick made a motion to approve the report. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Robin Patton of 153 Allshouse Drive spoke stating that she is against the tax increase. She feels that people on a fixed income can not afford this.

Renee Heileman of 108 Godfrey Landing stated that she presented the board with a petition of signatures from people opposing the tax increase

Justin Hayes of 153 Allshouse Drive spoke against the tax increase he states that it is high and he participated in the petition. He feels that the township should hold fundraisers or do raffles with businesses in the township.

Mason Wagner of 332 Lessig Road suggested that water bills could be done online and not by mailing to save money. He was informed that we do not handle anything with the municipal authority so that savings wouldn't make any difference.

Kasey Jackson of Lessig Road is against the tax hike but after seeing and hearing everything she appreciates the amount of work that has been put into it.

Terry Leech of 107 Jack Road feels that 3 police cars is too much as well as having 2 full time police officers.

Charles Stull made a motion to have a budget workshop/general purpose meeting on December 22nd at 6:00 PM via zoom. Susan Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Susan Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Sharon Long
Secretary Treasurer

MINUTES - DECEMBER 22, 2020

The Gilpin Township Board of Supervisors held a budget workshop/general purpose meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 6:00 PM via zoom. Roll call was as follows: Linda Alworth - present; Jeremy Smail - present; Charles Stull - present; Kris Kulick - present; Susan Brown - present; Sharon Long - present; Tim Miller - absent; Chris Fabec - present; Ted Long - present.

VISITORS WRITTEN REQUESTS:

None.

Chris Fabec, Chief, made a suggestion to eliminate part time police positions and hire Dalton Vanwhy, part time patrolman, as a full time officer which would save the township money according to his proposal, these changes will be effective January 1, 2021. Charles Stull made a motion to accept his proposal. Susan Brown seconded. Roll call was as follows: Charles Stull - yes; Kris Kulick - yes; Jeremy Smail - no; Susan Brown - yes; Linda Alworth - no. Motion carried 3-2.

Charles Stull made a motion to reopen the police contracts to change everything based upon the motion just made. Jeremy Smail seconded. Roll call was as follows: Charles Stull - yes; Kris Kulick - yes; Jeremy Smail - yes; Susan Brown - yes; Linda Alworth - yes. Motion carried 5-0

Susan Brown made a motion to make adjustments to the donations part of the budget. Changes will be as follows: Gilpin VFD - \$2500; Gilpin/Leechburg Park - \$1250; Leechburg Area Pool - \$2500; Leechburg Public Library - \$250. Jeremy Smail seconded. Roll call was as follows: Charles Stull - no; Kris Kulick - yes; Jeremy Smail - yes; Susan Brown - yes; Linda Alworth - yes. Motion carried 4-1.

VISITORS:

None.

Linda Alworth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Brown seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Sharon Long
Secretary Treasurer

MINUTES - DECEMBER 30, 2020

The Gilpin Township Board of Supervisors held their year end meeting on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at 6:00 PM via zoom. Roll call was as follows: Linda Alworth - present; Jeremy Smail - absent; Charles Stull - present; Kris Kulick - present; Susan Brown - present; Sharon Long - present; Tim Miller -absent; Chris Fabec - present; Ted Long - absent.

VISITORS WRITTEN REQUESTS:

None.

Kris Kulick made a motion to reopen the police contract changing Chris Fabec, Chief, from an hourly employee to a salary employee, removing the terms for part time officers vests, personal days and uniforms and holiday pay. Linda Alworth seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail logged into the meeting at 6:07 PM.

Charles Stull made a motion to leave Dawn Frejkowski and Mason Fontana on the rolls for Gilpin Township and to allow them to work special details. Linda Alworth seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to approve the zoning amendment which allows multiple businesses on 1 parcel. Linda Alworth seconded. Kris Kulick abstained. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to approve the resolution appointing a CPA to audit the 2020 books. Linda Alworth seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to approve the resolution for the township tax mills. Milage will be set for 11 mils which raises taxes 4 mils from the previous year. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Kris Kulick made a motion to appoint Susan Brown as temporary chairman for the reorganization meeting. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to set the reorganization meeting, as well as the regular monthly meeting, on January 4, 2021 via zoom. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to pass the 2021 budget with the aforementioned mil increase. Susan Brown seconded. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

None.

Kris Kulick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Sharon Long
Secretary Treasurer