

## MINUTES - JULY 8, 2019

The Gilpin Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the township municipal building. Roll call was as follows: Linda Alworth - present ; Dennis Rowe - present; Charles Stull - present; Kris Kulick - present; Susan Brown - present; Sharon Long - present; Tim Miller - present.

## VISITORS WRITTEN REQUESTS:

Tucker Speiring, Eagle Scout, spoke about the plans he has to make a new sign for the township building to earn a badge. He asked for \$250.00 to help purchase materials. Dennis Rowe made a motion to accept his proposal giving up to \$300 for materials providing receipts to get reimbursement. Susan Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Teeters 125 Shady Lane wanted to know what does the township's insurance carrier think about the proposed ATV ordinance. He stated that Bethel Township chose not to vote for a similar ordinance. He felt that it should be put on the ballot as a referendum for the residents to vote on.

Dave McCracken 540 Evergreen Road spoke his opinions against the proposed ordinance.

Robert Kepics 1104 Smail Road is against the proposed atv ordinance he sees a lot of lawsuits in the township's future if passed. He stated that ATV's are for off road use only.

Sara Ritter 1155 Lowers Leap spoke against the ATV ordinance and spoke about the township getting sued and she doesn't think people will only be on township roads either.

Joe Fondrk PO Box 412 Leechburg spoke about guns that we had that he feels was done incorrectly he wants money back he said he will sit sown with supervisors within 2 weeks after that he is going to sue.

John Andreamy 111 Crestline Drive spoke for the proposed ATV ordinance he says people are already doing it anyway he believes it will help.

Rick Stitt of 485 Jack Road spoke that he was pro ATV.

Fred Stubble 836 Schenley Road spoke against ATV ordinance he states they are for off road use only. He feels people will rip and tear up property.

James Martin 271 Godfrey Road spoke about ATV ordinance, lack of police officers, speeding on Godfrey Road, he states that he is against the ATV ordinance people already drive too fast.



Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer, presented the minutes from the previous meetings. Susan Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer, read financial report. Dennis Rowe made a motion to approve the reports. Linda Alworth seconded. Motion carried.

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

Tim Miller, Solicitor, presented his solicitor report. Tim spoke about the DUI task force ordinance he asked supervisors permission to look into having a proper ordinance. Linda Alworth made a motion to let him research it and to approve his report.. Dennis Rowe seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull spoke about needing to readvertise the proposed ATV ordinance changes were made adding more roads to the "do not ride list" as well as changing the hours and putting a cap on number of permits issued yearly. Susan Brown made a motion to table and readvertise. Kris Kulick seconded. Linda Alworth voted no as did Dennis Rowe. Motion carried 3-2.

Dennis Rowe made a motion to remove from the table the request made by Dr. Phillips. Linda Alworth seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Rowe made a motion advertise for the positions of police chief and to hire 2 part time officers looking to receive applications for such. Linda Alworth seconded. Motion carried.

Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer, spoke about receiving excess Act 13 (marcellus shale) monies this year. She wanted to pay off the loan we have on the police car. The amount of the check was \$64,815.59. The payoff of the loan is \$23,397.83 to Apollo Trust, putting \$9,000 into general fund, as budgeted, while putting the remaining \$32,417.76 into the capital reserve account. With the loan payoff the 2019 budget will save \$3913.80. Dennis Rowe made a motion to do as stated with the money. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Susan Brown made a motion to table the equestrian signs currently placed on Schenley Road to Forks Church road and have Tim Miller look into this. Dennis Rowe seconded. Motion carried.

Dawn Frejkowski, Officer in Charge, read the police report.. Linda Alworth made a motion to approve the report. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Sharon Long, Zoning Officer, read the zoning report. Susan Brown made a motion to approve the report. Linda Alworth seconded. Motion carried.

Sharon Long, Zoning Officer, presented an application for a conditional use for a home occupation. Susan Brown made a motion to set the hearing for August 6, 2019 at 8:00 PM at the township municipal building. Dennis Rowe seconded. Motion carried.



Susan Brown read the dog report. Linda Alworth made a motion to approve the dog report. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Rowe read the road report. Kris Kulick made a motion to approve the report. Linda Alworth seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Rowe made a motion to form a committee to look into a regional police force appointing Susan Brown and Charles Stull to the committee. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

#### VISITORS:

Rob Rollinger of 199 Godfrey Road spoke about the proposed ATV ordinance he states that he doesn't think you can make a side by side muffler louder and not everyone that is riding one is going to a bar.

Fred Stubble of 836 Schenley Road spoke about the township's mowing tractor. Could we look into renting one?

Dave Ravotta of 1169 Bagdad Road is against the proposed ATV ordinance. He wants to know how such an ordinance will improve our quality of life.

Sara Ritter of 1155 Lovers Leap Road stated that ATV's are not minding the laws.

Bob Kepics of 1104 Smail Road asked about the possibility of hiring a new chief, will they be a desk job chief or an active patrol chief? He was answered that they would be active patrol.

Janice Cousins of 464 Evergreen Road wanted to know if there was advancements in the drug issue in Georgetown.

Francis Gray Sr of 131 Mule Hollow Road has been actively talking with PennDot regarding shutting down Lovers Leap Road. He stated that his neighbor is getting an attorney to sue PennDot.

Dave Ravotti 1169 Bagdad Road wanted a response for the quality of life for residents for the proposed ATV ordinance. He wanted a poll from the supervisors for that answer. Tim Miller, Solicitor, advised the board to not answer.

Joe Csonka 158 Sunset Drive is for the proposed ATV ordinance. He also wanted to know about if merging with Leechburg for police coverage is going to happen.

Terry Smith of 138 Lessig Road wanted to know if a decision was made for or against the ordinance, she arrived to the meeting late. She wanted her opinion known that she was against it.



Sara Ritter of 1155 Lovers Leap Road asked about the township roads, will there be proper signage and who is paying for the signs?

Karen Croyle Fisher of 143 Smail Road, 851 Evergreen Road said she heard all the pros and cons for the proposed ordinance but as a nurse for many years she knows that any terminally ill resident would be bothered by the noises and distractions of ATV's traveling the roads.

Joe Csonka of 158 Sunset Drive spoke about peace and tranquility. He states that he can hear motorcycles that are louder than ATV's. What about the people that can just constantly break the ordinance and keep paying the fines.

Marilyn Knepshild of 154 Forks Church Road wants to know how are you going to be able to keep the speed down on the roads if you allow ATVs on them.

Rick Stitt of 485 Jack Road spoke regarding speeds and noise. He stated that cars are faster and motorcycles are louder so what is the difference.

Kathy Matarrese of 1143 Smail Road wanted to know if every township road is marked as 25 MPH.

John Andreasy of 111 Crestline Drive spoke in favor the proposed ordinance.

Dennis Rowe made a motion to have an executive session for pending litigation. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried. Session was held at 8:59 PM. Meeting was called back to order at 9:07 with nothing to report.

Susan Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Alworth seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

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Secretary Treasurer