

MINUTES - NOVEMBER 19, 2024

The Gilpin Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the township municipal building. Roll call was as follows: Tina Thompson - present; Kris Kulick - present; Jeremy Smail - present; Charles Stull present; Kevin Miller present; Sharon Long - present; Tim Miller present; Ted Long present; SARPD – present.

VISITORS WRITTEN REQUESTS:

Gary Hall of 116 Sober Road spoke regarding Supervisor Jeremy Smail getting zoning permits for his developments in the township. He feels that he should be setting an example to the residents. Debate between Smail and Hall followed regarding Township Zoning and the need for permits.

Duane Knepshild Of 1110 Smail Road spoke on behalf of the Gilpin Township VFD regarding donations and their financial status. He gave a description of what their funds provides to the residents. He spoke of the donation that the township supervisors give yearly since there was a discussion at their last budget meeting about possibly cutting their donation.

Sharon Long, Treasurer presented the minutes from the October 15, October 30, and November 13 meetings. Jeremy Smail made a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

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

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

Tim Miller, Solicitor, presented his solicitor's report. Kevin Miller made a motion to approve the report. Tina Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to table the discussions regarding the Gilpin Municipal Authority. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made motion to reappoint Jack McIntyre to the Gilpin Municipal Authority. Tina Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Tina Thompson made a motion to add 6%⁰ of the total cost or \$8,397, for codification to the preliminary budget and to advertise the preliminary budget. Charles Stull seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to sell the Raymond Road property that the township purchased out or repository to demolish a dilapidated home to Ron Graham for \$1,500. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Miller, Road master, presented an award to Morey Scitticatt, Equipment Operator, for his quick action in saving the life of a young athlete at his son's soccer game.

Kris Kulick made a motion to appoint John Fontaine as Zoning Officer effective immediately. Tina Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to advertise the UCC ordinance for the township to rejoin the UCC group. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to table appointing a representative for the UCC group and a hearing representative on behalf of the township. Tina Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Tina Thompson made a motion to authorize signature on any and all paperwork related to the Dirt & Gravel Road Grant from Armstrong Conservation District. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried. Ted Long, Foreman, applied for the grant and the Township was awarded the full value.

Kris Kulick made a motion to approve resolution 4 for the LSA grant application. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Miller made a motion to approve resolution 5 for the LSA grant application. Tina Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Kris Kulick made a motion to authorize signatures on any and all paperwork associated with the grant to repair the Brady Run Flood Wall. Tina Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

There was no zoning report for the month since there was no Zoning Officer.

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

John Fontaine, Code Enforcement Officer, read his code report. Kris Kulick made a motion to approve the report. Tina Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull, Chairman, stated the SARPD report for the month. Tina Thompson made a motion to approve the report. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Josh Wright of Johnetta Road spoke regarding what is happening on his road with the development of the Johnetta Campgrounds and expressed his displeasure in the increased traffic caused by the development.

Bob George of 112 Newton Lane questioned the donation that was proposed to be taken away from the park at the last budget meeting. He stated that the park board relies on the township's donation to maintain the park

Anthony Shea, Commissioner, spoke about what the County Commissioners have been doing throughout Armstrong County.

Cy of Johnetta Road read a statement with regards to the heavy traveling that has occurred on Johnetta Road since development has started in the Johnetta Campgrounds.

Gary Hall of 116 Sober Road stated that he disagrees with doing away with zoning altogether, this statement was made at a previous meeting. He stated that the township spent a lot of money to renew something that is barely a year old, it should be given time to work before making any changes.

With nothing further to discuss, Tina Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Stull seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Sharon Long
Secretary Treasurer