

MINUTES - FEBRUARY 18, 2025

The Gilpin Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the township municipal building. Roll call was as follows: Kris Kulick - absent; Jeremy Smail - present; Tina Thompson - present; Kevin Miller - present; Charles Stull - present; Tim Miller - present; Tim Miller present; John Fontaine -present; Ted Long - present; Sharon Long - present; SARPD – present.

VISITORS WRITTEN REQUESTS:

Anna Bauer of Highland Drive spoke regarding the live stream topic listed on the agenda. She hoped that it wasn't for the purposes of stopping the live streaming of township meetings as it provides transparency to the public.

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

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

Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer, presented a bills to be paid list. Kevin Miller made a motion to pay the bills and mentioned the approved bills to be paid from January 24, 2025. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to remove the auditors vacancy from the table. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to place an ad in the local paper for a new solicitor for the zoning hearing board. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to table the atv reciprocity. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to enter into an agreement with General Codes to manage our codes and ordinances. Kevin Miller seconded. Jeremy Smail voted no. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to create a code/zoning chairperson to be filled by a supervisor. Charles Stull seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to open nominations and nominated Kris Kulick. Tina Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Tina Thompson made a motion to close nominations. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to appoint Kris Kulick as chairperson of code/zoning officer. Tina Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to appoint Bob Swarmer to the vacancy on the Gilpin Municipal Authority. Kevin Miller seconded. Charles Stull voted no. Motion carried.

Kevin Miller made a motion to accept the resignation of Phil McConville from the Gilpin Municipal Authority board. Charles Stull seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 1 of 2025 setting a fees schedule. Charles Stull seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Miller made a motion to accept the quote from Gary Hall of G. Hall Consulting LLC for the service window upgrade in the township building at a price of \$5800. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to approve Resolution 2 of 2005 for ARDC. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to put RFP out for banking. Charles Stull seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to table the maintenance of the Gilpin Municipal Authority building and property. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to create gmail accounts for the supervisors instead of their current ones. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

A statement was made by Tina Thompson that a technology committee consisting of Charles Stull and Kris Kulick will be created.

Charles Stull made a motion to offer a letter of support to the Allegheny River Development. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer, stated that the payoff balance for the loan on the backhoe is \$10,392.32. She suggested paying it off early (by 2 years) to save on interest and allow for something else to be purchased. Charles Stull made a motion to pay off the loan. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to approve Resolution 3 (Municipal Assistance Program). Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to table the employee handbook. Charles Stull seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to keep live streaming the meetings and creating a policy for it. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Robert Deglau of PLS Allstat Land Surveyors Inc from North Huntingdon stated that he was working on the Jeremy Smail subdivision plans and had questions for the board regarding moving forward.

Charles Stull made a motion to authorize Tim Miller, Solicitor, to research and prepare a resolution for the agreement with Bureau of Veritas for fees to be collected for the township. Tina Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

John Fontaine, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, read his report. Charles Stull made a motion to approve the report. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to set the conditional use hearing for Jeremy Smail for an Air BnB for March 18, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the township municipal building. Tina Thompson seconded. Jeremy Smail abstained. Motion carried.

Tina Thompson made a motion to set the conditional use hearing for Gary Kalmar for March 18, 2025, at 6:15 PM in the township municipal building. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

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

Hunter Tackett, Lieutenant of SARPD read the SARPD report for the month. Jeremy Smail made a motion to approve the report. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

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Chris Ziegler of Armstrong Trails gave an update on the trail system and invited the board for a celebration held on April 26, 2025 held at Riverfront Park to celebrate Trails Day.

Rob Pastva of 127 Sportsman stated that the livestream of meetings should be kept. He stated that it is a useful tool for accountability and it is at no extra cost to the taxpayers.

Chaz Minnich of Shearer Road supports what they Anna Bauer and Rob Pastva stated with the importance of keeping the live stream going. He stated that it needs to be kept for transparency.

Anna Baur wanted to receive clarification about the livestreams. She stated that it seems the board is more concerned about themselves than being transparent to the residents. She stated that the board needs to think of the residents and not themselves.

With nothing further to discuss, Jeremy Smail made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Stull seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Sharon Long
Secretary Treasurer