

## MINUTES - MARCH 18, 2025

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

The following individuals made declaration that they will be recording the meeting. Josh Wright of 267 Johnetta Road, Anna Bauer of 120 Highland Drive and Charles Stull.

### VISITORS WRITTEN REQUESTS:

Jim Teeters of 125 Shady Lane states that the supervisors shot themselves in the foot stating that Charles Stull is the only one attending all meetings, even meetings outside of township and has all the knowledge. He also spoke about the live streaming of meetings stating that they were helpful and feels that they need to be restored.

Charlotte Teeters of 125 Shady Lane stated that it is a shame that senior citizens have to physically come to meetings because the board chose to stop the live streaming, also stated that the live streaming needs to be resumed

Anna Bauer of 120 Highland Drive stated that she will be recording the meeting and proceeded to hand out subpoenas to Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer and petition for removal to Tina Thompson.

Gary Hall asked about the cabin/shed(s) on Johnetta Road stating it was said it wasn't a cabin but now it is advertised as a cabin. He stated that it has to be permitted, no exemptions, certificates have to be filed. He said that he never got answers from his last questions in December. How are enforcements going to be handled if none is expected? If this is the attitude then he will no longer get permits either.

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

Jeremy Smail made a motion to have an executive session for potential litigation. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried. Session was held at 7:10 PM. Meeting was called back to order at 7:24 PM with nothing to report.

Tim Miller, Solicitor, gave his report for the month. Bob George asked him about what, if any, new information is available with the park authority being recognized. Tim stated that he still doesn't have an answer yet. Jeremy Smail made a motion to approve the report. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Miller made a motion have the township's maintenance of the municipal authority building be snow removal only. Jeremy Smail seconded. Charles Stull opposed. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to authorize the zoning hearing board members to obtain a solicitor for their use up to, not to exceed, \$185 an hour. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to authorize the draft of an ~~atv ordinance~~ <sup>reciprocity agreement</sup>. Kevin Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to appoint James Skeel to the vacancy on the Gilpin Township Municipal Authority board. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Tina Thompson made a motion to recind the motion to proceed with codification. Jeremy Smail seconded. Charles Stull opposed. Motion carried.

A small discussion was held regarding the financial institution used by the township and they stated that they will keep everything the same with Nextier Bank.

Kevin Miller made a motion to table the employee handbook and to meet with the Local Union 538 rep. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Miller made a motion to table Bureau Veritas. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Tina Thompson, Chairman, read a letter received by Randy Loudon regarding an issue they brought up back in September regarding having a garage erected on vacant land. Kevin Miller made a motion to have Tim Miller, Solicitor, do some research and contact the resident. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Tina Thompson made a motion to have a committee of Charles Stull and Jeremy Smail do research for the CDBG (community development block grant) reviewing it and applying. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Miller made a motion to authorize the ordering of supplies up to \$250 for the John Fontaine, Code/Zoning Officer and to get with Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer, for the purchasing. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Smail made a motion to approve Tim Miller, Solicitor, to look into zoning and review it for any errors that may apply to the township. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to approve Resolution 4 of 2025. Tina Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Stull made a motion to authorize Kevin Miller to prepare and place an ad for bids for materials. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Miller opened up bids for the Brady Run flood wall project. The township is only to open the bids then defer them to DEP for their inspection and recommendation of approval and award. Three bids were received from Lutterman Excavating for \$59,100 30', \$67,500 38', Darin Thompson Excavating for \$79,500 30', \$87,700 38', DGR Excavation for \$59,700 30', \$67,900 38'.

Charles Stull made a motion to authorize Sharon Long, Secretary Treasurer, to send all information to DEP. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried.

John Fontaine, Code/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 approve the conditional use application from Jeremy Smail with conditions being that no parking on the road and to include into the rental agreement that no atv's can be on the property to handle the neighbor's concern during the hearing. Kris Kulick seconded. Jeremy Smail abstained. Motion carried.

Kevin Miller, Road Supervisor, read the road report for the month. Charles Stull made a motion to approve the report. Kris Kulick seconded. Motion carried.

Hunter Tackett, Lieutenant of SARPD read the SARPD report for the month. Kris Kulick made a motion to approve the report. Charles Stull seconded. Motion carried.

#### VISITORS:

Joshn Wright of 267 Johnetta Road spoke regarding live streaming the meetings he feels that it should be continued. He also stated that he will be monitoring the condition of Johnetta Road while the logging is taking place and that the logging company's bond should be liable to fix any damages.

Anna Baur 120 Highland Drive made the statment that people are not happy with the current board of supervisors and the chairperson.

Jim Teeters of Shady Lane made the statement that the election is near..

With nothing further to discuss, Charles Stull motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeremy Smail seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Sharon Long  
Secretary Treasurer