

# GIBSON TOWNSHIP MINUTES

MONDAY, May 17th, 2021

**Present:** Scott Yandric (Supervisor), Jeff Snell (Supervisor), Scott Strayer (Supervisor), Kim Yandric (Assistant Secretary)

**Absent:**

**Visitors:** Dan Deihl, Joann Deihl, Linda Demott, Joe Lowe, Lori March, Greg March, Linda Burrows, Michelle Snell

Scott Yandric called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

## APPROVAL OF APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Scott Yandric and seconded by Scott Strayer to accept minutes All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> TREASURER'S REPORT

Correction to be made on the Liquid Fuel Account for check 246 Matheson Tri Gas. It should say for welding supply connectors \$432.57.

Motion made by Scott Yandric and seconded by Scott Strayer to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

## ROADMASTER REPORT

- a. Scott Yandric relayed the Roadmaster report. Mac said, "They've been grading Flaugh Road, Mix Run and Mason Hill". As soon as the trash truck is moved they will be grading Houston Hill.
- b. Dan Deihl wanted to know if he can get any fill. Scott Yandric said the fill on Mason will stay up top but if they are working close to someone who wants fill then, yes.
- c. Scott Yandric meet with a timber company that needs to use township roads. They will be timbering 1700 acres back on Gilmore Trail. (Pipeline) They will need to haul across Hoover and turn on Lincoln and down to Medix. Do we want the timbering company to bond the road and return it into the condition it is in now or do we want to work out a contract with them. Keeping in mind that this road is in bad condition and can't get any worse. We can get free fill from another project, we will haul it up and they will dozer it out and build the road up. This will save the township money. Jeff Snell suggested that everything has to be in writing. The Supervisors will meet with the timber company to go over all the details.
- d. Joe Lowe said that the road in front of his driveway (Mason Hill) is too deep. Every time they grade it, it washes down past his driveway and causes a rut. Supervisors will get the road crew up to take a look at it. The road crew was

crowning all the roads and not putting any ditches in. Scott Yandric talked to DCNR and PENNDOT, they got away from crowning roads. They slope them. The Roadmaster is still crowning them. The Supervisors will talk to the Roadmaster to have roads sloped. Joe asked if part of Mason Hill can be tarred and chipped. The Township is putting a bid on millings. If they get them they are looking to do Mix Run and Mason Hill.

- e. Parts for the freightliner truck were ordered. The parts came in but were wrong. By the time the correct parts came Dave Ellenberger's 2 week resignation was over.

### **APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS**

There were no bills outstanding to be paid.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Sewage Facilities Planning Package- This is a subdivision on top of Mason Hill. They want the Supervisors to approve the septic permit.

Motion made by Jeff Snell and seconded by Scott Yandric to approve the septic permit. All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

- b. There are meetings on May 27, 2021 for Earned Income Tax/Tax collection at the County Municipal Building.
- c. County Aid – The County receives liquid fuel money that the municipalities can apply for to take care of the roads. Last year we didn't apply. There is no reason why we shouldn't apply this year. The paperwork will be completed to receive county funding.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Still need to appoint Auditors. We need Auditors!
- b. Matheson credit received \$789.00
- c. Website – Gibsontwp.com Take a look at, it's up and running.
- d. PSATS has been contacted about auditors not getting together to approve pay for Jeff as Treasurer. PSATS said Auditors can be fined for not doing their job. PSATS suggested to contact our Township Solicitor, Tom Tompkins. Tom will look into.
- e. Winter Maintenance to invoice Driftwood Borough for cindering and plowing. We just got the figures together and will get an invoice out.
- f. Delinquent trash bills. More certified letters went out to customers that haven't paid for trash in years. We also found out that Driftwood Borough never got invoiced for trash for the last quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of this year. An invoice will be sent to the borough.
- g. Ordinance for junk/abandon campers/structures are done. The Supervisors/Solicitor are reviewing and will edit the ordinance to make sure it's worded correctly.
- h. There is now a phone line for the township shed 814-546-2019. We have been paying for an extra line for years but it was never used.

- i. Zero turn mower was purchased.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Our County Commissioners will be attending a future township meeting. They are trying to get support from the Townships to hire a County Code Enforcement Officer.
- b. The township was contacted from someone that has a family member buried in Crumb Cemetery. (right below the Sportsman's Club) They want the township to take care of the cemetery. This is a private cemetery. The feeling is that it's not fair for Gibson Township tax payers to pay for up keep on a private cemetery.

Motion made by Jeff Snell and seconded by Scott Strayer that the township will not do the up keep of the cemetery. All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

- c. Looking for an enclosed trailer to store and haul new mower, leaf blower, weed whackers, gas cans, etc. There's not much room at the township shed to store this stuff inside.

Motion made by Jeff Snell and seconded by Scott Strayer to look into pricing an enclosed trailer. All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

- d. The County wants to put an ATV trail system through the county. The meeting is Wednesday, May 19th at 6:00pm at the Courthouse. The county wants the Supervisors to attend to give input. Once the county gathers the information they will get together with Penn Dot and DCNR.
- e. Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 4:00pm is spring cleanup.
- f. Bucktail Excavators won the stone bid for this year. The bid had to be in the end of day on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The bid looks good.

Motion made by Scott Strayer and seconded by Jeff Snell to accept Bucktails Excavators bid. All In favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

## **Public Comment**

Dan Deihl asked if the township is now maintaining the cemeteries. Yes, a zero turn mower was purchased. Previous year the employees would be paid overtime to cut the grass at the township building and the cemeteries would be mowed by a subcontractor. The township is saving money by having the employees mow.

Dan Deihl asked about Covid relief money. Scott Yandric said there is quite a bit of money available. We would like to get a new building. If you had your project planned and already submitted bids it's a lot easier to get the relief money. Now might be a little too late but we will look into it.

Will we hire someone to do our mechanical work now that Dave isn't here? We will not be hiring. We will use other companies.

Did we receive any secretary/treasurer resumes? No

We had an inquiring about paying the township to use the equipment. Scott Yandric is waiting for PSATS clarification on this.

Next Meeting June 21st @ 7:00pm

Motion made by Scott Strayer and seconded by Jeff Snell to adjourn the May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting at 8:20 pm.

All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Kim Yandric  
Assistant Secretary