

# **GIBSON TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2021**

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

**Absent:**

**Visitors:** Greg March, Lori March, Joe Lowe, Chris Bishop, Linda Burrows, Henry Burrows, Michele Snell, Randy Bailey

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

## **APPROVAL OF JULY 19th , 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 JULY 19th TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Report was not completed due to Treasurer resigning. Report will be given at the September meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Received resignation letter from Township Solicitor Tom Tompkins.
- b. Cobes Minor Subdivision to approve. They want to subdivide two acres from their 13 acres up on Mason Hill to build a camp.

Motion made by Scott Strayer and seconded by Scott Yandric to approve the Subdivision. All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

## **ROADMASTER REPORT**

The scrap that was laying around the township shop was loaded up and hauled to Novey Recycling. The township received over \$600.00 for the scrap.

Stop sign at Castle Garden Road and Rt. 555. Ernie cleaned the weeds around it and recommended to trim the trees approaching the stop sign. He also suggested cutting the bush on the corner of the cemetery. It blocks the view when turning onto Rt 555 from Castle Garden Road.

Castle Garden Bridge trimming. Ernie has been working on it.

Drainage at the bottom of Rt 555 and Mason Hill seems to be fixed. The rain water is no longer rushing out onto Rt 555.

The road project from Fred Woods Trail to the round camp heading towards the Top of the World is supposed to start on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Losey said it should take about a week to do. Losey and the Township will be working together on this project. Grove Township will help, on an as needed basis.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. The townships 2 way radios should be here and installed by the end of September.
- b. Applied for a County Aid. Paperwork was submitted to the County Commissioners to try and get help to stone the top of Mason Hill Road.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Act 13 money has been applied for.
- b. Received first payment from the American Funds Act which was the pandemic money. There will be a lot of paperwork to complete in order to account for every dollar we received. Scott Yandric would like a separate bank account set up to make it easier to track.

Motion made by Scott Yandric and seconded by Scott Strayer to set up an account. All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

- c. The County would like the Townships to consider adopting LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance). LERTA is for any new or existing business to help with property tax breaks. If it's an existing business then the business would have to apply for a reassessment.
- d. Last year the township adopted a Disaster Resolution. Now that the disaster is over the township has to do another resolution to rescind the Disaster Resolution.

Motion made by Scott Yandric and seconded by Scott Strayer to adopt Disaster Resolution 2021-2. All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

- e. Ernie is interested in becoming a Supervisor.

Motion made by Scott Strayer and seconded by Scott Yandric to appoint Ernie Forest as Supervisor. All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- a. Concern about Ernie working alone. Jim Reber helps him on Mondays with Trash and Grove Township is helping Ernie with road maintenance. The only time he's alone is when he's mowing. Previous employees and current employees have said that three employees for the township is too many. Scott Yandric feels the same and thinks with the right people, the township doesn't need three road maintenance employees. However, due to the road

- projects that are coming up the township needs someone to do the mowing and help with the winter maintenance on a part time bases. The plan is for the township to save money by using the free material from the Grove Run Bridge project to maintain roads and keep labor cost as low as possible by hiring the guys from Grove Township to help with different projects.
- b. Are there any plans on the wash out on Sheddy Road? The Township will send someone up to patch it. Also, Mason Hill is pretty bumpy. Daren from PennDot said its fine as long as you can go 5mph and can pass. It was mention that Mason needed graded. Mac told the Supervisors that all of Mason was graded this year. Chris mention that it was not. Scott Yandric said that the road needs built up and then graded. He will bring it up to Ernie but can't promise it will get done this year. Joe said that the Elk Foundation, DCNR and the Tourist Industries are sending people up to the Top of the World. All three should have some kind of responsibilities to help fix the road.

Next Meeting September 20th @ 7:00pm

Motion made by Scott Yandric and seconded by Scott Strayer to adjourn the August 16th, 2021 meeting at 7:45 pm. All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Yandric  
Gibson Township Assistant Secretary