

GIBSON TOWNSHIP NOVEMBER MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

Present: Scott Yandric (Supervisor), Scott Strayer (Supervisor), Heather Williams (Secretary), Kim Yandric (Assist. Secretary), Ernie Forrest (Roadmaster)

Absent: None

Visitors: Gary Grove, Jeff Snell, Chris Bishop, Greg March, Lori March, Linda Burrows, Joe Lowe, Jeff Oyler, Dave Ellenberger, Krystal Oyler, Randy Bailey, Tanner Knepshield

Scott Yandric called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion made by Scott Yandric to accept October Treasurer's Report, seconded by Scott Strayer. All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEW SECRETARY TREASURER

Heather Williams has taken over the Secretary Treasurer position. Originally from Driftwood, graduated from Temple University and has worked in market research for the past 25 years. She is excited to make a difference in the community.

ROADMASTER REPORT

- Mason Hill Road plowing hit springs. They need to be drained out, as this is the only way to stabilize the road. Have been graded down to rock. Need to control waterflow to combat potholes. Need to build the road base back up. Maintain ditches like by Bardos.
- Tires that have been collected over the years need to be disposed. \$5-10/tire to remove. We have had paid \$50 annually for DEP permit to dispose of tires, but never got rid of them.
- We have an opportunity to bid on millings. If we bid, can use the Liquid Fuels account to pay for millings and transport. 3700 tons will cover 1.5 miles of dirt roads. Cost is \$4/ton and \$8/ton transport = \$12/ton hauled here. Have \$10,000

grant from the county. Priority would be Mason Hill Road – the 3 miles from 555 to the Fred Woods Trail parking area. Cost for that would be \$89,900 just to get materials here. This is millings hauled here, not labor. If do bid, where to store

OLD BUSINESS

- Maintenance building: needs siding, garage doors, concrete floors. Building is structurally sound, just needs some upgrades. Fencing company is coming to give estimate to fence in yard to help with trash, vandalism and the bear. Also need to get new cameras installed. Old camera system broke. Budgeted \$10,000 for these repairs. Ernie is getting pricing together for this.
 - Tanner brought up heating. Cinders will freeze. Talked to Smoker's. \$200 for dump truck load cut, split and delivered. Scott Y has another quote that is cheaper.
- Pipe job at top of Suicide Hill still needs to be invoiced. Will be around \$1200.
- Rattlesnake Lane – pipe there is township pipe. Owner made it clear he does not want to be billed for anything and will move the pipe for the township to take.
- New enclosed trailer to haul mower around and store everything needed for mowing. Scott S found one at Metzler (2019 used, like new) for \$5395
 - Motion made by Scott Strayer to purchase trailer and seconded by Scott Yandric
 - All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.
- Need to fill vacancies for 2 Auditor positions
 - Motion made by Scott Yandric to appoint Greg March and Joe Lowe and seconded by Scott Strayer
 - All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget workshop held last week. Budget needs to be advertised in paper for 20 days prior to voting.
 - Motion made by Scott Strayer to advertise in Echo and seconded by Scott Yandric
 - All in favor, aye, passed, motion carried.
- If you have been following our budgets, there are slight changes from previous years. Example: Sewage permits – these had shown as revenue before. That is not the case. Sewage permits are payable to the township but we are invoiced the same amount by Russ Braun. The Fire Dept money (~1200/yr) is similar. Money comes to us but we hand over.
- Castle Garden Bridge – owned by the county. We do the winter maintenance and have not billed since 2019. Need to check into this with Stacey Brown and Quickbooks
- Plowing for Driftwood borough – We will not be plowing for the borough anymore. Grove Township will be doing this from now on.
- Need new batteries for the grader – This has been approved before
- Backhoe tires – Rear tires are rotting from the inside. Front ones are fine

- Recycling program - visitor brought up a recycling program that may help to increase revenue. Looking to see if this is something the township would consider. Will return with more information and formal proposal.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 20th at 7pm.

Meeting ended at 7:53p.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heather Williams
Gibson Township Secretary Treasurer