

Gourley Township Menominee County Michigan Minutes of September 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

Supervisor Steve Wery called the meeting to order at the Gourley Township Hall at 6:00 p.m. and then, asking all to stand, Steve led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Steve Wery, Supervisor
Stephanie Walechka, Treasurer
Ivy Netzel, Clerk
Dan Cordy, Trustee
Jesse Wery, Trustee

Absent:

Also Attending: Fire Chief Brian Mack, Mr. Darrin Kudwa, Mike Berger

Agenda: Steve presented the agenda and after review, Stephanie made a motion to accept the agenda with Dan supporting the motion; it carried.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting were presented and after review, Steve made a motion to accept the minutes. Stephanie supported the motion; it carried.

Treasurer & Clerk Report:

NOTE: The clerk checks the tax fund check book monthly.

- The Financial Report for August 2024 was reviewed and there was \$557,174.51 in the General Fund and \$387,970.79 in the Fire Fund. Jesse made a motion to accept the Financial Report and place it on file. Ivy supported the motion; it carried.

Fire Chief Report:

- There were 2 fire runs for the month: a tree on a power line, and a false alarm to the Elder's Complex.
- Tanner Pearson resigned from the volunteer fire department because he will be attending college and no longer in the area.
- The Regular Meeting of the Gourley Township Volunteer Fire Department will be Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at the fire house at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

Supervisor's Report:

- Menominee County Road Commission put down dust oil last week.
- Building permits: Steve and Peggy will be doing property checks and building permits in October.

- A resident (Dennis West) has called and left a message that his fire sign was destroyed by grass cutting by the county. The township will replace the fire sign.

New Business:

- Pierce Parcel Reconfiguration: Steve made a motion to approve the parcel reconfiguration for James Pierce, Ivy seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Constitution Week Resolution: Resolution 2024-2 Proclamation of Constitution Week: Ivy made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-2 to declare September 17-23 as Constitution Week. Stephanie supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Hannahville Grants for September: the township will request video conference equipment for the township hall, so that the hall may be used for virtual meetings, training, etc.
- Gourley Township Volunteer Fire Department banquet: Jesse, with the assistance of local resident Roger Janofski, provided written policy for board approval. The new date for the banquet is October 12th at 6:00 p.m. central time, to be held at the township hall. Ivy will transcribe the policy into the standard policy format. Ivy made a motion to approve the Gourley Township Annual Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Dinner policy, Dan supported the motion and it passed.
- Shed Dormer Project: Steve provided an update on the township and fire hall shed dormer project. It is expected that the work will start in October.
- Township Hall and Fire Hall Heating System Improvement: The current township hall and fire hall heating boiler system is inadequate to heat the building. The board previously discussed replacing the heating boilers with larger units (see August 2024 minutes).

The building requires 282,500 Btu's. The existing boilers can provide 133,000 Btu's or 50% of the load. Brian Mack and Mike Berger recommended that the township replace the existing undersized boilers with two 155,000 Btu boilers.

Steve made a motion to authorize the JAMAR Company to install two new 155,000 Btu boilers to replace the existing two boilers for \$21,995.00. Jesse supported the motion. A roll call vote was as follows:

Steve	yes
Steph	yes
Ivy	yes
Dan	yes
Jesse	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

- Mr. Darrin Kudwa is running for Menominee County Sheriff. He discussed his experience and qualifications for the position. He also discussed his priorities for the Menominee County Sheriff's Department should he be elected.

Correspondence:

- none

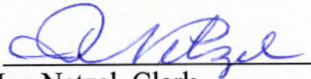
Pay the Bills:

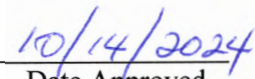
- Ivy made a motion to pay the bills. The motion was supported by Steve. The motion carried.

Adjourn:

- Steve moved to adjourn. Dan supported the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm CDT. The next meeting will be October 14th.

Respectfully submitted,


Ivy Netzel, Clerk


Date Approved