

Gourley Township Menominee County Michigan Minutes of November 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Veterans Day

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

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

Minutes: The minutes of the October 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting were presented and after review, Stephanie made a motion to accept the minutes. Ivy supported the motion; it carried.

Treasurer & Clerk Report:

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

- The Financial Report for October 2024 was reviewed and there was \$550,892.58 in the General Fund and \$381,539.90 in the Fire Fund. Ivy made a motion to accept the Financial Report and place it on file. Dan supported the motion; it carried.

Fire Chief Report:

- There were 2 fire calls for the month: 2 false alarms to the Elder's Complex.
- Three members of the Gourley Township Volunteer Fire Department attended the Menominee County Fire Chief's Association Biannual meeting.
- The Regular Meeting of the Gourley Township Volunteer Fire Department will be Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at the fire house at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor's Report:

- The annual maintenance of the generator was performed by Master Electric.
- On Monday, October 21st, Steve and the township assessor completed property checks and building permit checks.

- There will be a Board of Review on December 10th at 4:00 pm central time for clerical errors and veteran assessments.
- The Gourley Township assessor will not be renewing her contract; she has decided to retire. Steve will look for a new assessor for the township.

New Business:

- Election Results: Twenty-one Gourley Township voters took advantage of Early Voting at the Annex in Stephenson. Forty-four absentee ballots (out of a total of 51) were returned and counted on election day. There were 299 ballots cast on November 5th, Election Day which includes both in person and absentee ballots. The total number of Gourley Township ballots cast was 320, which is approximately 75% of the voter roll. All Gourley Township officials ran unopposed and were re-elected.
- Messersmith Parcel Reconfiguration: Steve made a motion to approve the parcel reconfiguration for Nancy Messersmith, Ivy supported the motion and the motion passed. A new fire sign will be ordered and installed.
- Draft Fire Sign Cost Share Policy: A draft Fire Sign Cost Share Policy was presented for discussion (attached).
- Ron Wery's damaged fire sign (N13868 Co Rd 551): Ivy made a motion to replace the damaged fire sign, and Stephanie supported the motion and it carried.
- Time change for the board meeting: Steve suggested starting the board meeting one hour earlier to 5:00 p.m. central time. After discussion, the board decided not to change the time.

Old Business:

- New Electronic Pollbook (EPB) laptop: The Clerk will be ordering the new EPB computer this month and will submit a grant request to the Election Security Grant available to municipalities.
- Hannahville Grants: The Fire Department's grant request for SCBA air bottles was granted.
- Shed Dormer Project: Steve provided an update on the township and fire hall shed dormer project. It is expected to be finished before winter.
- Township Hall and Fire Hall Heating System Improvement: The JAMAR Company installed two new 155,000 Btu boilers to replace the existing smaller boilers and the township hall and fire hall are now being heated adequately. The two smaller boilers that were replaced will be sold. Advertisement in the Menominee County Journal and Lufts will be placed for sealed bids, and a minimum sale price will be established.

Public Comment

- none

Correspondence:

- none

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjourn:

- Steve moved to adjourn. Jesse supported the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm CDT. The next meeting will be December 9th.

Respectfully submitted,


Ivy Netzel, Clerk

12-9-2024
Date Approved