

**Gallagher Township
Supervisors Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2022 ~ 7:00PM**

In Attendance: Supervisors Bill McCoy, Brian Hoy, Ken Porter, secretary/treasurer, Mary Myers, as well as township residents Loretta Coltrane, Warren Gottshall, Jacque Gottshall, Harvey Palmatary, Jody Ritter, Steve Krouse, Earl Straley, Jason Young and Justin Bryerton.

The December meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill McCoy at 7:18 PM, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was held immediately following the 2022 Organizational Meeting.

The December 2021 public meeting minutes and finance report were reviewed and approved as presented. A treasurer reported was presented. A total balance of all accounts is \$\$425,236.13 as of January 3, 2022 with total expenses of \$16,987.50 for the month. Supervisor McCoy made a motion to approve the minutes and treasurer's report as presented with a second motion by Supervisor Porter. The motion unanimously carried.

Correspondences were presented for review of Supervisors, however after review there was no discussion regarding correspondences the township received.

Public Comment

Justin Bryerton spoke regarding an issue with the SEO and the alternate SEO. Supervisors agreed to see if a solution might be reached to address the problem. Supervisor Hoy volunteered to reach out to SOE in an effort to resolve the matter.

It was also stated the Bill Bailey from DEP retired and job duties have been distributed to several individuals in his department in the interim.

Supervisor McCoy stated the township hasn't received building permits or notifications from Clinton County planning commission. Supervisor Hoy questioned if the township received copies of the building permits as well as certificates of insurance from the contractor performing the work. Supervisor McCoy stated no that is handled at the county level because Gallagher Township falls under Clinton County's zoning and planning administration.

Supervisor Porter requested feedback from the members of the public in attendance regarding the proposed police presence and ordinance in the township. The majority of the residents had a favorable opinion. Jodi Ritter stated her husband and daughter, who are both first responders, have asked for the state police to respond to the scene for assistance and they have refused. Steve Krouse stated he was in favor as long as it didn't become a money-making gimmick for the township.

Supervisor Hoy explained the police would help the township enforce ordinances, deliver notices, and address safety issues in the township such as speeding. A schedule of the hours would be provided to the supervisors with more hours added if needed in case of an emergency situation. He also stated the township would receive 25% of fines collected.

Supervisor McCoy explained the fire department and also the game commission has responded to incidents where they have had to disarm individuals. He also stated, there is more drugs and drug traffic in the township than people think.

It was explained, the contract would allow for a six-month trial period at 24 hours per week. He would like the agreement to say the policy would respond to emergency and life-threatening situations when presented, but nuisance calls would be handled in real time only if they were out here patrolling when call came in. If they were not in the area, would like to follow-up during their regular hours.

Old Business

An update on the Fergusson property was provided by Supervisor McCoy. He stated the property owner is working with the county to removed the vehicles from the property. Jody Ritter stated that several of the vehicles have been removed.

Supervisor McCoy stated the township has received all road maintenance agreements and bonds that were sent out. He also stated STL applied for permits for state permits to drill four gas wells off Carrier Road.

Additionally, Supervisor McCoy stated the township hasn't received anything new from Sara at the Conservation District. Jason Young stated there was activity on the Maguire property off of Bryans Lane. Supervisor McCoy said he would reach out to Katie at the planning commission and also the conservation district regarding the matter.

Supervisor Hoy stated he would meet with Steve at the Woodward Police Department and invite him to attend the next meeting to discuss the changes the supervisors would like to make to the proposed policing ordinance and answer any questions they might have.

New Business

Township Secretary, Mary Myers, stated the former secretaries for the previous year failed to collect the information necessary to send 1099s to township contractors. She requested and received permission to send letter out to township contractors to request a copy of their W-4s and certificates of insurance for the year of 2022 to correct the oversight.

Supervisor McCoy state there is an auditor vacancy within the township. Advised the township had received a letter of interest from Jody Ritter and questioned how it should be handled. It was agreed to advertise the position in the paper to see if there were any other township residents were interested in filling the position and appoint a person to fill the vacancy at the next meeting. Supervisor Porter made a motion to advertise the position in the Lock Haven Express to request letters of interest be submitted to the township and to appoint a person at the February 2022 regular meeting. Supervisor Hoy seconded. The motion was unanimously carried.

Agenda stated winter hours referring winter weather and road conditions which might require the part-time employees to work more than their allotted weekly hours and the secretary's office hours might change in case of a winter storm. This item was not discussed as Supervisor Hoy brought up the following list of items which were not part of the agenda- Time Clock, Time Sheets, Facebook Page, Layoff of Employees- meeting set for Friday, January 7 at 9 AM, Resolution to shred paperwork, Purchase of \$2500 worth of tools, purchase a 25-foot extension ladder and opening charge accounts at Lowe's, Fastenal, and Harbor Freight. These eight items were not part of the posted agenda and are void under the Sunshine Act, 65 P.S. § 713.

Supervisor McCoy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Porter seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Gallagher Township Supervisor Chairman
William McCoy

Gallagher Township Temporary
Secretary / Treasurer
Mary J. Myers
