

**Gallagher Township Board of Supervisors
Regularly Scheduled Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2024, 7:00PM**

The May 1, 2024, Public Meeting of the Gallagher Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Will Mann at 7:02 PM; followed by a moment of silence; and the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance were Supervisors: Chairman, Will Mann; Vice Chairman, Brian Hoy; Supervisor, Bill McCoy; & Township Secretary/Treasurer, Shelly Davis. Loretta Coltrane, Tim Lester, Michelle Whitney, Warren Gottshall, Jacque Gottshall, Kenny Porter, Rusty Weaver, Jody Ritter, Harvey Palmatary, Buffy Katherman, Steve Katherman, Carol Kimball, Morgan Davis, Steve Krouse,

Chairman Mann, asked if anyone would be recording the meeting; meeting was recorded by Michelle Whitney, Clinton County Watchdogs & Brian Hoy

Executive Session – No discussion.

A Consent Agenda – The items included below are routine in nature and it is not anticipated that any will generate discussion or questions. The actual Consent Agenda with a brief description of which items are included below and distributed to the Board of Public for review. The items are available to view at the sign-in table. At the request of a Board Member any single item or all items on the Consent Agenda can be discussed and voted on separately. In the event no items are "pulled", the Board should consider a motion for "approval" of the Consent Agenda items as shown on the agenda. **Meeting Minutes:** April 2024 Regular Meeting, **Road Master Report** for the month of April 2024, **Treasurer Report** for the month of April 2024 which includes all Liabilities, Payroll, all Invoices Paid, and Deposits made for all of the Township's Accounts, and the April 2024

Correspondence

Motion to approve by Supervisor Hoy, seconded by Chairman Mann, Supervisor McCoy abstained because he didn't have financials which were then provided. Motion Carried

Road Master Report given by Supervisor Hoy

- Hollow Road - Benson cleared ditches, regraded & re-ditched the driveway of the Berrick property at the end. Cost was \$5712.
- Queen's Run – entrance has been cleared at intersection of 664, drainage pipes and delineators are complete.
- All ditches have been blown-out, stop signs, arrows and speed limit signs installed.
- Municipal Building – Handicap parking spaces have been repainted.
- Range Resources continuing bond agreement on Queen's Run Road.
- Katherman property – Benson is scheduled to begin work on rocking & ditch lines by the driveway & camp road around the beginning of July, we will provide advanced notice of their work schedule. Friday is a bad day because of scheduled doctor appointments, and we need to make sure they have access to their driveway and parking. The Katherman's requested that they be able to dump some topsoil being removed from their property at Municipal Building, Justin Fink supposed to start work there on Thursday 9th. Chairman Mann & Supervisor Hoy to coordinate location with Mrs. Katherman. Mr. Porter asked whether this an official "waste" sight and are the ENS measures still up to date? Supervisor McCoy stated that we were approved several years ago & documentation is posted in the garage.
- Supervisor Mann stated that PENNDOT will be stockpiling 700 tons of 1B stone in the Municipal Building lot beginning of next week and begin work on farring & chipping June 12, 2024.
- Jodi Ritter stated that the ATV signs on Carrier Road had also been completed.

SEO Report – Nothing to report.

Zoning & Land Use Permits Report given by Chairman Mann

- Permit issued on 4/15/24 for 14707 Coudersport Pike for a 12x12 addition to an existing structure – Permit #5049
- Permit issued on 4/22/24 for 35 Chickadee Lane for a 26x56 seasonal cabin – Permit #5050

School House Committee - Report given by Loretta Coltrane – report attached.

Public Comment

Kenny Porter asked for clarification from Supervisor McCoy regarding the Right to Know discussion from the previous month's meeting. Supervisor McCoy had stated that the Ethics Committee had suggested he file the RTK and Mr. Porter stated that that was "not common practice" for them to be involved. Mr. McCoy stated that he "was directed but can't discuss".

Old Business:

Tire Collection Wednesday, May 15th 4pm – 7pm & Friday, May 17th 7am – 12pm, only for township residents.

Supervisor Cell Phones – discontinue use & return to township – tabled until further notice, motion by Supervisor Hoy, seconded by Chairman Mann, MCU

Pine Creek Township – sweeping complete for roads & fire house. Paving still to be completed over the summer, waiting on John. Supervisor Hoy to follow-up

Hardee DB4060 mower & Diesel Skid Tank to be sold – Move to advertise & sell in July rather than June to give time for advertising. Motion presented by Chairman Hoy, seconded by Chairman Mann, MCU

RTK – Chairman Mann read aloud the statement Supervisor McCoy made at the previous month's meeting to clarify what was stated regarding RTK. The statement is attached. Chairman Mann spoke with PSATS to clarify that Ethics investigations are only into an individual, can not be into the Township, and as far as the township is concerned, we have received nothing stating that we are under investigation by the Ethics Commission, Labor & Industry, or the Attorney General's office.

Mr. Porter requested clarity on the investigation stating "this is just a larger scale investigation than a right to know" correct? Chairman Mann stated that Ethics investigates one or more individuals regarding abuse of power or code of conduct violations, not a township, they are two different things. Justin Houser, Solicitor stated the same, they are two different things, RTK is a request for a record/information from the township, anyone can request information through a RTK and if you feel you did not receive satisfactory information on your request you can appeal to the Office of Open Records to investigate further. Ethics is the branch of state government that investigates individual(s) who may have violated the Ethics Code of Conduct. Generally speaking: Ethics determines whether conduct is right or wrong.

Tim Lester was asking how this affects the township, which it doesn't, other than cost & time involved. He feels that everything gets covered up by the supervisors and that the taxpayers have the right to know what is happening. To date, the township has not incurred any major cost in the above-mentioned investigation.

Exterior Garage Light was replaced and looking into getting additional lighting on the end of the far building and replacing the dusk to dawn sensor lights.

New Business:

Appoint Secretary/Treasurer to be the Administrator on all Township accounts & services and to amend the Policy & Procedure Manual job descriptions to state that the Roadmaster & Foreman "Must be able to lift 50 pounds" Supervisor Hoy made motion to add Resolution 2024-06 (attached), Chairman Mann seconded, Supervisor McCoy abstained and questioned who decided to make this change and that he wasn't aware and wants to have advance notice. Supervisor Hoy & Chairman Mann stated that Supervisor McCoy doesn't answer phone calls or text messages so how do we know that you are getting messages. How should we communicate since you don't answer? McCoy stated he is under strict direction of what he is allowed to say. In conclusion, Chairman Mann motioned to approve Resolution 2024-06 Supervisor Hoy seconded, MCU. Jodi Ritter stated that an affirmative response on text messages or emails should be given so everyone knows that messages have been received.

June's meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, June 5th, Shelly to advertise. Motion to change by Supervisor Hoy, Seconded by Chairman Mann, MCU

Tim Lester questioned the size of a "Cabin" classification and what the zoning ordinance states and that it is affecting township taxes. Justin to investigate further.

With no additional business to discuss or public comments to be heard, Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Hoy, Seconded by Chairman Mann at 8:07 pm. MCU

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Gallagher Township Supervisor Chairman
William Mann

Gallagher Township Secretary
Shelly Davis
