

**Gallagher Township Board of Supervisors
Regularly Scheduled Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2024, 7:00PM**

The September 3, 2024, Public Meeting of the Gallagher Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Will Mann at 7:00 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 and residents Loretta Coltrane, John Jones.

Meeting Recording – No one recording

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:** July 2024 Regular Meeting, **Road Master Report** for the month of July 2024, **Treasurer Report** for the month of July 2024 which includes all Liabilities, Payroll, all Invoices Paid, and Deposits made for all Township’s Accounts, and the August 2024 **Correspondence**.
Motion to approve by Supervisor Hoy, seconded by Supervisor McCoy, MCU

Road Master Report given by Supervisor Hoy

- Mowing & ditch clean-up completed.
- Benson completed work on Queen’s Run Road. Still need to complete the Hollow Road project.
- Supervisor Hoy met with the Denway’s regarding their driveway as well as the residents at the end of Hollow Road regarding grinding down the tree stumps on his property which we will incorporate into the Vegetation Management Project. The Township will need to contact Buffy to confirm date and time for work on the Denway property to avoid a scheduling conflict.
- Supervisor Hoy spoke with resident Dillon Mundrick who requested a speed limit sign and explained the process and cost of a traffic study, ranging between \$5-\$10k and they agreed to forego and agreed that the Township will provide a weight limit sign, post & brackets for the resident to install. Supervisor Hoy will order the sign. Chairman Mann stated that EQT may be willing to pay for the traffic study but Supervisor Hoy did not think it was necessary at this point as the resident was happy with what we agreed to provide.

SEO Report – Nothing to report.

Zoning & Land Use Permits Report – Nothing to report.

School House Committee – Nothing new to report from School House Committee

- Loretta is still waiting on information on the grants available.
- Chairman Mann is waiting for a call back to reschedule a meeting with Mike Stimpson

Public Comment

- Resident John Jones stated that the Fire Company had not received any funds from the local tax collection this year. Supervisor McCoy stated that he had already spoken with Shelly regarding this and a check had been processed for the outstanding funds for 2024. It was agreed that any future checks would be mailed

upon receipt of the tax funds.

Old Business:

Pine Creek Township Paving

- Paving completed, John was out and did the overlay on both Church Road & Queen's Run Road, payment for the project will come from the Liquid Fuel Account. Shelly will contact Darren to finalize project paperwork and completion reports. Township will provide 2 buckets of stone to smooth the lip in the pavement.

Maintenance Shed - light installation will be completed by Supervisor Hoy as soon as there is a Friday without rain.

Hollow Road & Church Road Vegetation Management

- Supervisors met with all land owners that have had questions and all issues have been resolved. The trees for removal will be marked once we are ready to begin the work.

175th Anniversary Celebration

- October 6th is the date to kick off the 175th Anniversary Celebration, Loretta is working on gathering pictures for display, requesting the use of folding tables from the Township. Township agreed to provide
- Supervisor Hoy spoke with Bald Bird Brewery regarding a bottling of Root Beer for the event and will follow up with Shelly on the process.
- The Proclamation Letter was reviewed, a few minor changes were recommended by the Board of Supervisors and a motion to approve the letter, cover any additional cost for printing and postage was presented by Supervisor Hoy, Seconded by Chairman Mann, MCU
- The letter once printed will be mailed out and the County Commissioners and other officials and Loretta will follow-up with an invite for them to attend the October 6th celebration.
- The Township agreed to provide cookies or donuts for October 6th kick-off celebration, in the event of inclement weather we will use the garage area of the Municipal Building.
- Loretta is working on a logo and has contacted Reese's to assist with the work. Once we have a logo finalized, we can order banners to display on the building and garage for the year.
- Loretta has gotten bulk mail stamps to send a letter/newsletter regarding the event of the 175th Celebration to the residents of Gallagher Township once we have agreed on the schedule. The letter will also include a request to anyone that would like to volunteer their time or donate funds towards the event as well as a request for historical artifacts and other items or photos to display at the Celebration. A discussion on the lumber industry, sawmills and logging operation in Gallagher Township followed and it was agreed that gathering items of historical value from the residents would add to the event. Also, information from the Fire Department on the events and history that led to its creation in 1972 should be included. It was recommended that we also include a request for sponsorships and recognition of those who contribute.
 - Loretta is working on information on the event to post on the Gallagher Township web page

F550 & Expedition Service – table until October meeting.

New Business:

Open and Award Bids for Vegetation Management Project

- Great Lakes Tree Service bid of \$167,750
- Patriot Tree Surgeons bid of \$59,873 broken down as a cost of \$39,857 for Hollow Road & \$20,016 for Church Road – bond to be collected
- Dincher & Dincher bid of \$79,800 – bond was included in package
- A motion to award the contract to Patriot Tree Surgeons at \$59,873 was presented by Supervisor Hoy, seconded by Chairman Mann, MCU – funds for the project will be paid from the Act 13 account, paperwork will be emailed to Solicitor Justin Hauser for final review.

Purchase of stone for gravel portion of Queen’s Run Road –

- A quote from Heidelberg of \$6417 was received. Benson agreed to put down the stone, grade and roll the entire road once we purchase the 10 loads of material. An additional 2 loads are in the pricing for the above-mentioned completion of the Hollow Road project. Project will be paid from the Act 13 Infrastructure funds. Motion presented by Supervisor Hoy, seconded by Chairman Mann, MCU

With no additional business to discuss or public comments to be heard, Motion to adjourn by Chairman Mann at 7:55 pm. Seconded by Supervisor Hoy, MCU.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2, at 7:00 PM.

Gallagher Township Supervisor Chairman
William Mann

Gallagher Township Secretary
Shelly Davis
