

**Gourley Township
Menominee County Michigan
Minutes of June 10, 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, Roger Janofski, Steve Martin, Menominee County Intermediate School District (ISD) Superintendent

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

Minutes: The minutes of the May 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting were presented and after review, Stephanie made a motion to accept the minutes. Steve supported the motion; it carried.

Menominee County ISD (Steve Martin, Superintendent)

- Mr. Martin discussed Career and Tech Education (CTE) which is educational programs that specialize in the skilled trades, applied sciences, modern technologies and career preparation (formerly vocational education). He provided details regarding the programs and a booklet highlighting student success stories.
- The Menominee County ISD is proposing a CTE millage to fund these educational programs, consisting of 1 mill for 10 years. The millage will be on the November 2024 general election ballot.

Treasurer & Clerk Report:

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

- The Financial Report for May 2024 was reviewed and there was \$550,120.47 in the General Fund and \$392,173.88 in the Fire Fund. Jesse made a motion to accept the Financial Report and place it on file. Ivy supported the motion; it carried.
- Stephanie notified the board that \$4,500 will be added to the existing CD that is restricted for future fireman turnout gear.

Fire Chief Report:

- There were 3 fire runs for the month: vehicle fire false alarm; rollover in Hannahville, and a false alarm at the Elder's Complex.
- Foam generator was procured and will be installed on the pumper truck this month.
- POMASL will perform flow testing on the air packs on June 25th.
- POMASL will also perform flow testing on the pumper truck sometime this fall.
- Ben Berger passed both the written and practical firefighter exam on May 18th.
- The board recommended that the Fire Chief develop a policy to administer paying mileage expenses for training. Brian will also discuss this issue with the members of the volunteer fire department at their next meeting and bring back information at the next township board meeting.
- At the request of a township resident, Steve asked Brian to look into a one day per year program to collect hazardous waste in the township for proper disposal.
- The Regular Meeting of the Gourley Township Volunteer Fire Department will be Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at the fire house at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

Supervisor's Report:

- Steve contacted Darrell Cass, Menominee County Road Commission and others, to discuss the plans for local road construction in Gourley Township. The repaving/repair work schedule for County Road 557 and 551 should be done in about another month.
- The Menominee County Road Commission will be seeking a county wide millage for road repair. It will be on the August 2024 ballot.
- DePas Lane and Maple Lane should both be re-chip sealed.
- Kellogg Lane needs brushing.
- The road by the bridge where the fire department fills the pumper truck will be wrapped for erosion control.

New Business:

- none

Old Business:

- Gourley Township Volunteer Fire Department banquet: Steve proposed to provide an annual Volunteer Fire Department banquet to show appreciation for our volunteer firefighters. The banquet would be held at the township hall in October. A written resolution will need to be developed that is in compliance with legal requirements. At the next meeting of the fire department, a date in October will be selected for the banquet.

- Replacement Boilers: The Hannahville Grant for Township and Fire Hall replacement boilers was denied.
- Assessor's laptop: The assessor's laptop cost is \$1,512.65 which is \$12.65 over the amount allocated at the previous board meeting. Ivy made a motion to increase the amount allocated for the township assessor's laptop to \$1,512.65. Steve supported the motion and it carried.
- Shed Dormers: Steve will present information at the next board meeting. Engineering will be required for this job.

Public Comment

- Roger Janofski would like to donate an antique oak table and chairs to the township for placement in the hall. Steve made a motion to accept the antique oak table as a donation from Roger, Jesse supported the motion. The motion passed.
- Roger would also like to donate an antique fire hose reel apparatus for outside display. The board accepted Roger's donation.

Correspondence:

- none


Pay the Bills:

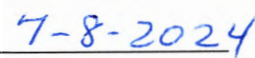
- Ivy made a motion to pay the bills. The motion was supported by Steve. The motion carried.

Adjourn:

- Stephanie moved to adjourn. Steve supported the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm CDT. The next meeting will be July 8th. There will also be a brief Election Commission Meeting afterwards for the upcoming August 6th state primary election.

Respectfully submitted,


Ivy Netzel, Clerk


Date Approved