

# Gourley Township

## Menominee County Michigan

### DRAFT Minutes of July 8, 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, James Kolky

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting were presented and after review, Stephanie made a motion to accept the minutes. Steve supported the motion; it carried.

#### **Treasurer & Clerk Report:**

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

- The Financial Report for June 2024 was reviewed and there was \$563,987.12 in the General Fund and \$391,609.28 in the Fire Fund. Ivy made a motion to accept the Financial Report and place it on file. Dan supported the motion; it carried.
- The two CD's for the township and the two CD's for the fire department rolled over and were renewed for 9 months.

#### **Fire Chief Report:**

- There were 3 fire runs for the month: all three calls were false alarms to the Elder's Complex.
- POMASL performed flow testing on the air packs and certified them on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The Fire Chief will develop a policy to administer paying mileage expenses for training. There weren't enough volunteer firemen at the last meeting to make a policy recommendation. Brian will 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.
- The Regular Meeting of the Gourley Township Volunteer Fire Department will be Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at the fire house at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

- Shed Dormer Project: Steve researched possible architect/engineering firms. An architectural plan is required.
- County Road 557 is complete with the exception of guard rails at the creek.

### **New Business:**

- Gourley Township financials were submitted to the auditor (Johnson and Rennie) to perform the Biennial Audit and F-65 Report to the State of Michigan.
- The State Primary Election will be held on August 6, 2024. Prior to then, early voting will begin Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and run through Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Stephenson Annex. The Public Accuracy Test will be conducted on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. central time at the Gourley Township Hall, and the public is invited to witness the test. There will be an Election Commission Meeting immediately following this board meeting.
- Gourley Township Historical Society is now a 501c3 tax exempt non-profit organization.

### **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. A written policy will need to be developed that is in compliance with legal requirements. Local resident Roger Janofski has offered to assist the township in writing this resolution. Jesse will work with Roger to complete the policy. The fire department has selected a date in October for the banquet.
- Replacement Boilers: Brian is working on developing a plan to replace the heating boilers.

### **Public Comment**

- James Kolky, a Gourley Township resident, discussed his veteran's property tax exemption and the problems associated with a software update that did not synchronize properly. Stephanie explained to Mr. Kolky that the information did not get transmitted in time for the exemption to be reflected on their property tax bill. All the veterans in Gourley Township were affected similarly. Stephanie is now aware of this problem and the issue has been resolved.

### **Correspondence:**

- Verisk re: Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule Program

### **Pay the Bills:**

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

**Adjourn:**

- Ivy moved to adjourn. Steve supported the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm CDT. The next meeting will be August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ivy Netzel, Clerk

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Date Approved