

Gourley Township

Menominee County Michigan

DRAFT Minutes of January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting

Supervisor Steve Wery called the meeting to order at the Gourley Township Hall at 6:07 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: Brain Mack, Fire Chief

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

Minutes: The minutes of the December 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting were presented and after review, Stephanie made a motion to accept the minutes. Ivy supported the motion; it carried.

Treasurer & Clerk Report:

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

- The Financial Report for December 2024 was reviewed and there was \$558,374.53 in the General Fund and \$380,002.40 in the Fire Fund. Ivy made a motion to accept the Financial Report and place it on file. Jesse supported the motion; it carried.

Fire Chief Report:

- There were 3 fire calls for the month: a house fire in Daggett, a garage fire in Gourley Township which rekindled 36 hours later.
- The Fire Marshall will provide training at the township hall sometime this spring, with additional training being planned for the future.
- The pumper truck needs repair, and both fire trucks need maintenance. Brian will have POMASL coordinate maintenance on the trucks along with the DOT inspection.
- Brian discussed the status of the mutual aid agreement with Harris Township. Harris Township has eliminated the dual page for Hannahville and a portion of Harris Township. This will mean that the Gourley Township Fire Department will not receive fire calls in parallel with Harris for these areas, but will be called if more assistance is needed once Harris has responded to the scene.
- SCBA Air pack tanks are still on order, along with some new helmets. Brian also ordered boot chains.

- The Fire Department elected to no longer have two Assistant Chiefs. Russ Berger Jr. will be the Assistant Fire Chief. Brian was re-elected as Fire Chief, and Linda Otradovec was re-elected as Secretary.
- Brian provided the list of fire fighters who are eligible for the Fire Incentive.
- A Training Meeting of the Gourley Township Volunteer Fire Department will be Wednesday, January 15, 2024 at the fire house at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor's Report:

- All veteran exemptions go to the Gourley Township Assessor. Her contact information is on the Gourley Township website at gourleytownship.org. If veterans have difficulty finding the Assessor's contact information, they may contact Steve.
- Steve and Ivy attended the Menominee County Road Commission on December 19th at 1:00 pm central time. The Road Commission presented how they intend to distribute the new millage funding.
- There is another Menominee County Road Commission meeting on January 29th at 8 a.m. for Gourley Township. Most of the township board is planning on attending this meeting.
- Shed Dormer Project: Steve provided an update on the township and fire hall shed dormer project.

New Business:

- Ivy distributed copies of the 2025-2026 Draft Budget for the General Fund and the Fire Fund.
- W-2's and 1099's have been sent out.

Old Business:

- Township audit and F-65 has been completed and downloaded to the State of Michigan document search site.

Public Comment

- none

Correspondence:

- None

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjourn:

- Steve moved to adjourn. Ivy supported the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm CDT. The next meeting will be February 10th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivy Netzel, Clerk

Date Approved