

**GIRARD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 8, 2024**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Lindy Platz at 7:00 PM.

Present: Supervisors Pete Dion and Clay Brocious, Roadmaster Jeff Ferrick, Zoning Administrator Tiffany Kramer, Ray Penkalski, Jim Mattson, Dennis Olesnanik, Greg Mitcho, and Wilbur Nass.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA- *None*

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES:

The **TREASURER'S REPORT** from 09/30/24;
The **MEETING MINUTES** from 09/24/24;
The **INVOICES** from 09/25/24 through 10/08/24;
The **PAYROLLS** ending 09/28/24 and 10/05/24;

Motion by C. Brocious, seconded by P. Dion to approve the Consent Agenda, motion carried (3-0). L. Platz abstained from voting on the minutes due to not being at the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/AGREEMENTS-

Motion by C. Brocious, seconded by P. Dion to approve Ordinance #24-03 Francis Road Speed Limit, motion approved (3-0). This will lower the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph.

Motion by L. Platz, seconded by C. Brocious to approve Resolution 24-13 Readvertisement of Ordinance 24-02 Pennvest Uncle John's, motion carried (3-0).

OLD BUSINESS

C. Brocious asked about the staples down at the park. Tiffany Kramer stated that she had reached out to the resident's numerous times without a response. She said she will continue to email and call them, however if the problem isn't resolved soon, she suggested billing them for the work.

L. Platz updated everyone on Clean-up Day. She reported that the numbers were down compared to previous years. The participating municipalities will decide if we will continue to do this every year, or switch to every other year.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by P. Dion, seconded by L. Platz to advertise Ordinance #24-04 Cable Franchise Agreement with Spectrum Northeast, LLC, a subsidiary of Charter Communications, motion carried (3-0).

Motion by C. Brocious, seconded by P. Dion to request for an "Autistic Child Area" sign on Shady Lane, motion carried (3-0).

ENGINEER'S REPORT-*None*

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

C. Brocious mentioned that a tree had fallen on Miller Road over the weekend and the road crew did a good job getting the roadway cleaned up. He also asked Jeff Ferrick if the salt spreader that was discussed at the previous meeting was still for sale.

P. Dion stated that he has a meeting at Uncle John's Campground with Ashely Porter and DEP. He will also go to Lake Erie Community Park to discuss adding a concrete area for wheelchair accessibility to the large pavilion and bathrooms that will be funded through CDBG.

Lindy said that she will be at the KEMA conference during the next meeting. She also stated that the LSA grant is now open. Purchasing a new mower was discussed. The current mower is 21 years old.

Also discussed was moving the gate at LECP to discourage people from entering the park after dark.

COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF

Jeff Ferrick stated that the new light at Rt. 20 and Imperial Pt. Pkwy has been put up. New wires had to be purchased for the generator to be hooked up in case of a power outage. Each person on the road crew has been taught how to do this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Mitcho asked that the Township keep Dobler Hose in mind while doing their budget. Dobler Hose has asked Girard Borough to help with purchasing a fire truck by providing a loan that will be paid back with fire tax money. Mr. Mitcho stated that the cost of a fire truck continues to rise every 3 months and by providing this loan, the fire department will be able to get a better rate. By doing this with Girard Borough's help, the interest rate would be approximately 3.5% and the loan would be paid off within 4 years. The supervisors explained that the fire tax was put into place to help with these costs. Our Local Services Tax is now used to provide more monetary support to West County Paramedics.

Wilbur Nass, who spoke on behalf of his neighborhood in the Meadows of Birchdale, said that he and his neighbors have not been informed of the specific issues going on with the septic system in Birchdale Woods II. He asked if there were going to be new pipes put in. P. Dion explained that the township and DEP are in the beginning stages of this project. Discussion was had regarding the neighborhood and their feelings on paying for this. The supervisors explained that DEP is forcing this, not the township.

Ray Penkalski asked how the speed limit for Francis Rd. was determined. The traffic study that took place was explained.

Motion by C. Brocious, seconded by L. Platz to adjourn the meeting at 7:48p.m., motion carried (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Lindy Platz, Supervisor