

**Gallagher Township Board of Supervisors  
Regularly Scheduled Public Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2025 at 7:00pm**

Call to Order by Chairman Mann at 7pm.

Attendance: Timothy Lester, Jody Ritter, Earl Straley, Morgan Walizer, Gregory Walizer, Rob Confer, Rob Confer, Russel Weaver, Warren Gottshall, Jacque Gottshall, Loretta Coltrane, Michelle Merryman, Jay Merryman, and Justin Bryerton

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence led by Chairman Mann

Meeting Recording by: N/A

Executive Session: N/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 each item is included below and distributed to the Board and public for review. The items are available to view by the public 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. If no items are “pulled,” the Board should consider a motion for “approval of the Consent Agenda items as shown on the agenda. **Meeting Minutes:** May 2025 Regular Meeting, **Treasurer Report** for the month of May 2025-which includes all Liabilities, Payroll, all Invoices Paid, and Deposits made for all Township’s Accounts; and the May 2025 **Correspondences.** A motion to approve was presented by Supervisor McCoy, seconded by Supervisor Hoy, MCU.

Road Master Report:

- Ditches have been cleaned out & trees re-marked for tree trimming project to begin •  
Mowing is on-going and has been difficult because of weather
- The Ford truck is ready, just waiting on paperwork from Ford for delivery
- Williams Pipeline – require a short-term bond, Springer’s Corners, work will begin in July, we need a Maintenance Agreement and we will take a video of the road on Friday. Motion to approve presented by Supervisor McCoy, seconded by Chairman Mann, MCU
- Road sweeping is complete and shoulder grading will begin on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

SEO Report:

- Repair permit for Ferguson issued
- Perk test for Confer
- Perk test for Pupek

Zoning & Land Use Permits Report: N/A

#### School House Committee:

- The committee has not met to review the bid received however they are requesting two additional bids for comparison. Supervisor Hoy & Chairman Mann will continue to work on bids. • Warren Gottshall contacted Clinton County on code compliance but has not gotten a response.

#### 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival:

- May 18<sup>th</sup> event had approximately 75 people in attendance. Fire Company took in about \$250 from food sales, Township \$200.
- The flag display provided by Allison Crane was spectacular. Shelly to send a Thank You card. • The heritage portion of the program was a big success and should be continued in the fall with additional stories from local families on the history of the area.

#### Public Comment:

- Does Clinton County have an Ordinance requiring 911/Emergency signage? • Presentation & review of Confer septic plan for residential structure.
- Advertising has been placed in The Express for two runs that the Township is accepting bids on the tree trimming project and bids will be opened at the July 2, 2025 meeting at 7pm. • Resident Jody Ritter commented that the meeting agenda was not posted on the new website, but was posted on the old Township website. Shelly will address as she thought that it had been posted, but obviously did something incorrect.
- Resident Jody Ritter questioned if they would receive a copy of Supervisor McCoy's comments that were stated as being attached in the May meeting minutes. Chairman Mann said that they would be made available at the July meeting after the approval of the minute by the Board.

#### **Old Business:**

- Reflective Signage & Address Requirements: More information to follow
- Vegetation Removal Carrier Road/Queens Run Road, letter sent to residents May 8, 2025
- Computer installation complete.
- Quick Books Direct Deposit is set-up and ready for use, waiting on banking information from employees
- Tractor Service: Filters need to be ordered

#### **New Business:**

- NRAT – It is too soon for the Township to create an Ordinance at this point but a suggestion was made that we follow the same requirements as the county Pilot Program as Carrier Road is connected to the County roads, even though we are not part of the Pilot Program. There is a concern that the Township is more liable if we know people are riding ATV's even though we are not open to ATV traffic.
  - DCNR no longer wants to be involved with the trail systems and is forming a COG to handle ATV's by the end of the 2026 season. Currently only the Rt 44 Pilot Program Trail exists but there are future expansions planned to include Queen's Run Road and Chairman Mann suggests that the Township create a committee and that we get

involved with the plans moving forward in order to have input for our Township. If we open Township roads to ATV's there will be extra funding for state police to patrol trails which is provided by DCNR and the state is already planning on opening minor state roads to ATV's (3 & 4 digit route numbers). PennDOT will have final approval due to the wear & tear on the roads and the cost of maintenance & repairs.

- Rusty Weaver, Jody Ritter & Justin Bryerton volunteered to be the representatives on the Township ATV Committee. A motion was made by Supervisor Hoy to approve the formation of the ATV Committee & the committee members, seconded by Supervisor McCoy, MCU
- The Township will work on an Ordinance once we establish some regulations and it will need to be reviewed by the solicitor, advertised and approved by the Board.
- Confer Septic review – The plans were presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and a motion to approve was presented by Supervisor Hoy, seconded by Supervisor McCoy, MCU
- Facebook – Gallagher Township would like to establish a Facebook page for the purpose of sharing ideas and promoting events. No comments would be allowed on the page. Shelly to look into the set-up of a township account. A motion to proceed with a Gallagher Township Facebook page was presented by Supervisor Hoy, seconded by Chairman Mann, MCU.
- Ethics Statements – Chairman Mann clarified several statements that were made by Supervisor McCoy at last month's meeting which were not necessarily accurate after he spoke with the Solicitor, PSATS & the Ethics Commission on these matters. The inaccurate statements to the knowledge of the township are as follows:
  - That Supervisor McCoy had until July 1, 2025 to submit written information to Ethics.
  - This would be a legal brief.
  - Ethics got reamed out after the hearing. – That did not happen.
  - There was a recording that was requested not be released until everything is finalized. - Ethics had no knowledge of this.
  - That Supervisor McCoy can request the other two supervisors be forced to resign. - Supervisor McCoy cannot make that request and the Ethics Board cannot make that request.
  - Supervisor's cannot nominate and/or vote for themselves. - Second Class Township code allows for this.
  - The Solicitor corrected ethics issues for the Township. But ethics violations still occurred.
  - Supervisor McCoy stated that you are only a Township supervisor at the meetings when discussing the tree that came down in the road when both Will & Brian were unavailable to respond. The solicitor stated that you are always a supervisor until the end of your term, the only bearing is that you are only covered by workman's comp insurance and only allowed to make decisions at Board of Supervisor's meetings.
  - Why Supervisor McCoy is not hired as a Township employee? - It is not required that a supervisor be hired as a Township employee.
  - The Solicitor was not responsible for Ethic's violations as stated by Supervisor McCoy. The Solicitor would have no knowledge of who was on payroll as an employee.
  - Supervisor McCoy stated that his is only the sixth case to have a hearing. - There is no way to know that information as most cases are closed & confidential.
  - There is no state agency other than Ethics involved in Supervisor McCoy's case.
  - On the issue of the Fire Company responding to the downed tree and where the

responsibility lies— The fire company does not work for the Township however, the Township collects the fire tax and pays that tax to the fire company as well as paying for the Workman’s Comp Insurance for the fire company through the State Insurance Fund. The Township is responsible for maintaining the roads within the Township, however when the Road Master and Foreman are not available, Supervisor Hoy was correct in telling the resident they should call 911/Fire Company.

- Supervisor Hoy researched the number of calls the fire company responded to between 2/24/2021 to 5/3/2025 for tree on road issue which amounts to 52 calls. Only 2 of those calls were responded to by the Township and only after the issue was dealt with by fire company initially. There was never an employee of the Township called out to remove trees that have come down in the road when the township had full-time employees.
- Weeds – Glenn is providing pricing for next meeting for spraying around the parking area, dumpsters, garage & Municipal building. Supervisor Hoy will contact him.

**Adjourn:** Supervisor Hoy made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm, seconded by Supervisor McCoy, MCU.

**A Work Session will be held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 as needed.**

**The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM.**