

GILFORD TOWNSHIP NEWS July 2024

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MEETINGS: 2ND THURSDAY @ 7:30 PM
OFFICE HOURS: MONDAYS 9AM-12PM

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS:

Supervisor: James Stockmeyer Sr.
989-252-3099

Clerk: Diane Spencer
989-980-7144

Treasurer: Debra Strasz
989-868-4911

Trustees: Kent Houghtaling
989-659-2478

Amanda Goss
989-293-7310

Zoning Administrator:

Chris Hager
989-213-7960

Assessor: Susan Jensen
989-871-5649

Sexton: Walt Zissler
Contact through Jim Stockmeyer
989-252-3099

Planning Commission:

Jacob Dohrman
989-863-0780

Tim Gruber 989-868-3562
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989-659-2478

John Kaijala 989-693-6437
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Board of Review:

Chris Hager 989-213-7960
Mel Goss
989-868-9973

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989-598-1816

SUMMER 2024 PROPERTY TAXES

The township treasurer will be at the township hall on Monday, September 16th from 9am to 5pm to collect taxes. Tax payments may also be collected during office hours – Mondays 9am-12pm. Payments may also be mailed or placed in the drop box at the township hall.

Tax payments must be received by the township treasurer no later than Monday, September 16th at 5pm. TAX PAYMENTS RECEIVED AFTER September 16th WILL BE CONSIDERED DELIQUENT AND INTEREST OF 1% PER MONTH WILL BE CHARGED UNTIL PAID IN FULL. POSTMARK DATES NOT ACCEPTED.

NEW! We are now accepting credit cards for tax payments. **There will be a 3.5% processing fee.**

ATTENTION: Gilford Township will reimburse half of the fee of Thumb Body transportation service. Township must receive a copy of the receipt for reimbursement.

CEMETERY

Columbaria are constructed and spaces are ready for purchase! All summer decorations must be removed by November 1st, 2024

BURNING PERMITS

Reese Fire District: call 989-868-3661 leave a message and someone will return your call

Fairgrove Fire District: call 989-693-6030 leave a message and someone will return your call

ZONING PERMITS

Before you begin construction on your property, please contact the township office to see if you require a permit. If you want to install central air or pour concrete check with Jim Stockmeyer for state assessing regulations.

FEES:

Before construction: \$20

After construction: \$20 for permit PLUS \$30 FINE = \$50

ZONING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL LAND OWNERS FOR ANY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION EVEN IF YOU DO NOT NEED A BUILDING PERMIT

DEMOLITION PERMITS

Demolition permits are free and needed before tear down or removal of a structure from your property.

The township has received some complaints regarding blight. The

township has been in communication with their lawyers and is in the process of enforcing the anti-blight ordinance. In addition to removing clutter from your property, grass must be kept cut at a height of no greater than 8 inches. On vacant property, grass cannot exceed 10 inches.

*****ELECTION NEWS*****

There will be a primary election August 6, 2024. Early voting dates will be **July 27-August 4**, 8am-4pm. The early voting site will be the **Fairgrove Township Hall**, located at 5002 Center Street in Fairgrove. Voting on election day, **August 6th**, will be held at the **Gilford Township Hall**. Gilford Township Clerk will have office hours on Saturday August 3rd from 8am to 4pm to register voters and to issue and receive absentee ballots.

Reminder of New Election Rules:

If you are an absent voter, meaning voting by mail, and you always want your ballot mailed to you, you must check the box on your application that states "**Automatically send me an absent voter ballot for each future election for which I'm eligible.**" If you do not check the box you will not be mailed an application to vote after December 2024. Starting in 2025 we will be automatically sending ballots and no longer sending applications. Only those who check the box mentioned above will be mailed ballots. If you have any questions about this new ruling, please contact the Gilford Township Hall and Diane will assist you.

NEW DROP BOX FOR ELECTION MAIL

located near front doors of the township hall. Box is labeled "OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOX" Election mail includes absentee voter applications and absentee voter ballots. Any township correspondence still goes into the old drop box.