

**Gilboa Historical Society
Board of Directors Special Meeting
March 18, 2024**

President Gerry Stoner called the meeting to order at 1:07 Present were Directors Lee Hudson, Linda Karlsen, Janette Reynolds, Paul Russell, Christl Riedman, Val Riedman, Michael Shiffer, Gerry Stoner, Linda Stratigos, Ellen Thorn, and Kristen Wyckoff (via Zoom).

At its March 11 meeting, the Town Board voted to have its road crew create a road south of the Museum from Stryker Road to the southwest corner of the Pavilion for access to the property it intends to sell to the Historical Society. Previously, the Town Board expressed its willingness to get an estimate for the cost of this road, which it would provide to GHS if the Society chose to locate its entrance, driveway, and parking elsewhere, while the Society moved ahead to get an estimate on its intention to include motor access to the lower level of the Museum as well as the storage basement the Town recently ceded to the Society. But at its March meeting, the Town Board expressed its intent to move forward immediately on its decision to begin digging on what the Society intended to be landscaped lawn.

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to decide how to move forward, which we do by first taking ownership of the property and then by discussing possible construction options. The GHS Board plans to have Linda S, Michael, and possibly Gerry meet with Alicia Terry to say that the GHS Board wants to go ahead, followed by a letter saying both boards are in agreement (motion by Paul; second by Michael).

To go forward beyond buying the property, we need an idea of the costs and viability of various options. Lee will call Rich Tate to arrange a meeting with him for her, Paul, and possibly Linda S to discuss the possible addition, an access road, and location of the septic.

In the meanwhile, Gerry suggests that we generate building wish lists to share and discuss.

Other issues raised at the meeting:

- At our Regular February Board meeting, we met Patrick Barnes, who is interested in consulting for the Society. Linda S reported on some of the grants he's gotten recently for jobs he's held and he made several points that she and Michael found impressive. The Board voted (motion by Linda S; second by Ellen) to bring him on as a consultant; to offer him \$20 an hour, capped at 500 hours for a year; to have him be involved in operations and programing,

including writing grants and making other recommendations. We'll also ask his advice on the use of space and an addition. He will report to and take instruction from our Board President. Linda S will send a draft job description / letter of intent for Board review.

- Nelta told Gerry she would be interested in learning more about grants from Patrick, as she continues as Museum Director with the gift shop and tour guides and other current responsibilities within her domain. Linda S stated that Nelta, like Patrick, should take instructions from the Board president, not from individual Board members.
- Michael reported we got a \$400 grant from Stewart's.
- Lou Mercurio must put a link on the website for the calendar of events as posted at gilboamuseum.org. This will keep the listings consistent across sites. Michael asked that Kristen, who is Mercurio's contact, include some content that explains where the reader should look and click for the calendar.
- Kristen will inform the school tours she arranges that they must submit a copy of their Certificate of Insurance for each tour. Once we own the property, this need not be done in advance for the Town.
- Michael mentioned the possibility of GHS merging with Conesville Historical Society.
- Michael has donated a printer/copier to the Society, the same brand as Jeanette's machine.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 1 p.m.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 2:18 p.m. (motion by Christl; second by Linda K).

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thorn
Board Secretary