

Greenbush Township Minutes

February 6, 2017

All board members were present

Pledge of Allegiance was said

Clinton County Sheriffs' Department report very quiet this month Greenbush is a safe township. Sgt. Eric Thompson will bring monthly activity reports for township.

Mr. Fromson wondered why item 7 was before item 8 on agenda. Lee explained that the budget was before the fire department discussion due to the fact that the budget will not be finalized until March's meeting.

Supervisor Thelen added correspondence to the agenda.

Motion to approve agenda by Graham seconded by Kindel.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Roof seconded by Graham.

Motion to approve treasurer's report as read by Kindel seconded by Thelen. Motion to Pay bills totaling \$18,535.65 by Kindel seconded by Thelen.

First Merit Checking	\$	145.78
First Merit Savings		147,427.98
Mercantile MMIA		16,183.32
Tax Collection Account		<u>2,517.16</u>
Total Funds Available	\$	166,274.24

Public Comment

Ms. Brady When will the web site be fully updated? Still making decisions on how we are going about managing the web. To stay with New Look or to have someone else manage it with New Look as the Host Domain

Mr. Fromson wanted to know why the budget was ahead of fire department discussion. Supervisor Thelen stated that the budget was not finalized until the March's meeting.

CAASA – 8 calls for ambulance, 8 community paramedic per day. Greenbush uses community paramedic a lot.

County Commissioner – Clinton County Economic Development Association approved another contract with them they use County, Township, and Private money. \$25,000 for cyber security for the county. 911 will be ready for any decision we make with the fire department

Assessor Report – The Board of Review Dates were given, all members will be sworn in. Becks Propane will be going to Circuit Court we have a lawyer for this Supervisor Thelen said he gave them a minimal about to work with.

Fire Department – 7 calls, 3 medical, 3 vehicle accident one other (called out and then canceled)

New Business

New Board of Review members will be sworn in tonight.

It was approved by the board to put the unapproved agenda and unapproved minutes on the web site Motion by Graham seconded by Kindel.

The Drains at Large was amended on the budget to \$5,656.63 from \$5,000.00 money was taken from library fund due to the fact that will not have to pay St Johns leaving an excess of \$1,692. Motion by Kindel seconded by Roof

Approval of Assessors contract all the same conditions. Motion by Thelen seconded by Kindel

Approval of CAASA budget Motion by Graham seconded by Kindel

Budget was discussed with a couple of addition of line items. Mileage, training it will be finalized at the March meeting.

Fire Authority and MFR discussion – it was resolved to go to the City of St Johns due to the financial situation. If we maintained CAFR the budget would have to be \$110,000 to go with St Johns it will be \$40,000 a year for a 4 year contract. Supervisor Thelen thanked the fire fighters/MFR for their dedicated work throughout the years. It just comes down to dollars and cents.

Resolutions

Resolution: To cease operation of Clinton Area Fire and Rescue/Greenbush Fire Rescue at 6:00 Wednesday February 8th, 2017. Motion by Graham seconded by Kindel

Resolution: To release all firefighters of their employment with Greenbush Township as of 6:01pm Wednesday 6:01 pm February 8th, 2017. Motion by Graham seconded by Kindel

Resolution: To accept St John's Fire's contract to cover the residents of Greenbush Township Motion - by Graham seconded by Kindel

Resolution: To inform Clinton County Emergency Services (911) of the change of service to St Johns fire for residents of Greenbush Township. To dual tone CAFT and St Johns from this moment forward until 6:00pm Wednesday, February 8th 2017 and thence forward St Johns Fire only. Motion Smith seconded by Kindel

Resolution: To move all CAFR/Greenbush Township equipment to station 1 after 6:00 pm Motion Kindel seconded Graham

Resolution: No firefighting personnel are authorized to drive any trucks or equipment after 6:01 pm Wednesday 6:00 pm Motion by Kindel seconded by Graham

Resolution: To begin a search for the best methods of liquidation of the fire departments assets. Motion Kindel seconded by Graham

Motion: To have a plaque made to thank all past firefighters for their services – to be displayed in the Township Hall Kindel seconded by Graham

Motion: To have Chief Lou Evans contact all firefighters on Tuesday February 7th, 2017 and explain the attached information such as but not limited to turn gear, personal property etc. by Graham seconded by Kindel

Roll call: All members voted aye on all resolutions 5-0

Additional comments

Public notices will be on the web site. Burn permits will need to be obtained from St. Johns Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned 8:20

Lee Thelen, Supervisor

Ramona Smith Clerk