

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
Monday October 23rd,2023 7pm

All Board members were in attendance.

Call to Order: The October monthly meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thelen. The reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Kindel to accept the agenda as presented with the addition in new business of zoning PC-38-23 MA. And United Power-sports Outlet Dealer Approval

* Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Clinton County Sheriff Department Report: An e-mailed report is received by clerk Smith at random times of the month. It does not always get to the board in time for our monthly meetings, and we also may have one of the County Sheriff's stop in. This is appreciated when time allows them, so at this month's meeting neither was available.

CAAS Report: Supervisor Thelen presented the monthly report on a very positive note. Thelen explained that four rigs are up and running, the runs have been up in the last month and they are in need of hiring an assistant director to help with the work load for director Weber. A couple of EMT'S have moved on and new employees are always needed. Plans are in the works to purchase a Tahoe for an echo unit to help with their medical program. CAAS is disappointed that the Community Med. Program is not coming along as smooth and fast as wished.

Reading and Approval of Prior Months Minutes: Motion was made by Kindel to accept prior months minutes and to dispense with their reading.

* Second by Graham

* Motion passed

Treasurer's Report & and Approval of Bill Payments : Treasurer Roof presented the monthly report with the Profit and Loss and the Balance sheet. Roof then asked that the report and checks 14359-14412 ,ACH, and EFTPS to be approved. Roof also commented that this month's outgoing

payments were above average due to the timing of some of our budgeted accounts that were due at this time. Motion was made by Graham to accept the treasure's report and to pay presented bills.

* Seconded by Kindel

* Motion passed

Correspondence: Supervisor Thelen presented from the Drain Commission of some tree removal and dragging at various drains in our Township and EGLE water control authorization to be put in the Townships file.

Public Comment(On anything other than agenda items) : Resident Kellogg , who is a representative on the St. Johns District Library reported that a grant of \$550,000.00 was recently received and that made their half way mark for the renovation of the Library. A few more fund raisers are in the works and Kellogg said the board is very appreciative of all the support.

County Commissioner Report: Absent, Val Val-Shiry

Assessor Report: Our Assessor Beth Botke spoke of the State Tax Commission concerning PILT. Botke is still enthused about thee new construction happening in Greenbush Township. A short explanation was given on the PILT resolution that the Board will be adopting tonight.

OLD BUSINESS

* Road Report: Paving is completed on Dewitt Rd. between Hyde Rd. and Maple Rapids Rd. Our two solar speed signs should be going up shortly on Welling Rd. that the Township purchased. The Clinton County Sheriff's department also purchased a third solar speed sign that will be placed on Maple Rapids Rd. in our Township. There was some discussion by the Board and the public of the situation on Colony Rd. and Kinley Rd. when Dewitt Rd. is to go under construction of new paving and whether or not Michigan turnarounds would be a good option for that area. At this time there is no definite plan for that area.

* Green Energy Committee: On October 26th,2023 at 6pm at the Clinton County Court House there will be another zoning meeting . It is another meeting that needs to be well attended. Supervisor Thelen again, Thanked everyone that has put so much time and effort into these meetings.

*Resolution -PILT

Therefore, Be Resolved. That Greenbush Township opposes creating a Solar Energy Facilities Taxation Act District (PILT).

* A motion was made by Kindel to accept the Resolution #10-23-23

* Seconded by Graham

Roll Call Vote was taken: All Ayes No Nays Resolution passed

* Resolution - Opposition to preempt local control for the siting and the permitting of utility-scale renewable facilities including solar, wind and large scale battery storage facilities.

Therefore, Be it Resolved. That Greenbush Township opposes legislation that would preempt local control in the siting and permitting of large-scale renewable energy facilities including solar, wind and large scale battery storage facilities

* A Motion was made by Kindel to accept Resolution # 10-23-23

* Seconded by Graham

Roll Call Vote was taken: All Ayes No Nays Resolution passed

* Nine Day EV

Clerk Smith gave a short presentation on the progress for the 2024 Elections. There will be more details to come forth once the State has verified when the Presidential Primary will be, either February or March.

* Snow Removal bids:

The Board received two bids this year. One was from SmithLawnScapes and the other was from Clark' Landscaping. Both company's had comparable pricing . The Board gave their recommendation to Clark's with the budgeted funds for FY 2023-2024. Clerk Smith is to give Clark's a meeting Schedule and to keep in touch if extra snow removal needs to be done.

NEW BUSINESS

*United Power Sports Outlet

It was brought to the Boards attention that this business needed a Dealer Municipality Approval signed by our Board so they could

get approval and licensing. A motion was made by Graham to sign the document.

*Seconded by Roof

* Motion passed

* Zoning PC 38-23

As the board looked over the zoning case they were in agreement that this PC 38-23 should go forth. Clerk Smith is to respond to the zoning with our approval.

* Eureka Cemetery FY 2022-2023

Clerk Smith presented the Board with the year end Fiscal report for the Eureka Cemetery and details of how the Cemetery is using the funds that the Township grants to them. The Cemetery is in good condition and the **Additional Public Comment:** Many Residents were very concerned that the Board was not taking them seriously about having our Township having our own zoning. There seems to be another option of joining another Township to have joint zoning. Resident Owen had many facts about zoning, the Solar issue, what is going on in our Township with the leasing of farm land for Green Energy and a lot of legislation that is going on in our state. Other comments were taken to heart that the Board was more concerned with spending money on the roads whether than protecting the residents. Supervisor Thelen and the rest of the Board were very attentive to these comments and responded that all of the residents concerns are appreciated and that we hope we can all work together to achieve a commend goal for the good of the Township!!!

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Adjournment: Motion was made by Graham to adjourn

*Seconded by Kindel

* Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm

Supervisor Lee Thelen

Clerk Ramona Smith