

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES
Monday September 26th, 2022 7pm.

* All board members were in attendance.

Call to Order: The Greenbush Township monthly meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thelen with the reciting of the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Graham to accept the agenda as presented.

* Seconded by Kindel

* Motion passed

Clinton County Sheriff Report: Monthly report was not sent to the board at this time. Supervisor Thelen had talked to Sheriff Dush on other matters, Sheriff Dush was happy on getting some normal procedures occurring again after a few shut downs from Covid. He also is very excited to be working with our township board.

CAAS Report: Our Township Ambulance service has very high hopes that the new ambulance will be delivered in the first part of October. Insurance for employees has now taken place and is very much appreciated. The runs seem to be at a steady pace and employment seems to be increasing.

Reading and Approval of Previous Months Minutes: It was brought to the attention of the board by Clerk Smith that herself and Treasurer Roof had not had the opportunity to go over the minutes to spell check, etc. Roof made a motion to accept the minutes with the exception that they are to be corrected if necessary and be given to board members before the October meeting.

* Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Treasurer's Report : The Treasure's report was given by Roof along with the balance and profit and loss sheet. Before Roof asked to accept her report and pay the bills she wanted to mention that the ARPA monies that have been allocated for the new ambulance will not show on this report, do to the fact that the ambulance has not yet arrived and that our monthly rate of interest in our investments of ARPA money is at a very good rate. Roof felt it is to our advantage to keep the funds until the Ambulance has a more specific delivery date. Roof then asked if the report would be accepted and the paying of bills # 14197-14208 plus EFTPS and ACH. Motion by Smith to pay bills as presented and to accept Treasure's report as given.

* Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Correspondence: Clerk Smith reported that the Clinton County's Officer's Association quarterly meeting was hosted by our Township at the hall on September 20th, 2022. It was fairly attended and a lot of topics were addressed with many guest speakers. Supervisor Thelen reported on the continuing correspondence with Consumers Power up dating rural work.

PublicComment: (on anything other than agenda items) Residents raised concern on whether there had been made any more progress on the thought of having solar speed signs on Welling Rd. and Maple Rapids Rd. Supervisor Thelen responded that the Township thought that there might be some funding out there from the County or the Sheriff department to be able to provide this service. We have not heard of any such funding; but our Township is looking into funding the signs ourselves for the safety of our residents.

County Commissioner Report-Kam Washburn: On going progress is still in motion on the broad ban situation. There have been eight company's that have put their bid in for approval to be apart of the broad ban service. A dead line is fast approaching for these applications. The commissioners have accepted a policy with Sparrow Health Care for doing the autopsy's in the county when an in home death occurs. This frees up the local Sheriffs personals for other pending emergency's. Washburn also meet with Tom Helms,RC, EGLE, and Supervisor Thelen about the resent spillage of waste due to an accident on N-US 27. They were most concerned how it was handled and how it could be better handled if such an incident was to occur again. Also reported that Craig A-14 would be retiring after 28 years of service to the County. And again Washburn conveyed that the county is in good standings with many of their projects.

Assessor Report- Beth Botke: Botke reported that there are many bills in the senate pertaining to solar farms. So residents need to be aware of these proceedings. It is that time again for visiting the many new construction sites in our Township for assessing.

Old Business

* **Road Report:** Road projects are starting to wind down. Many roads have seen new gravel due to not spending for a 3rd Application of chloride. The budgeted funds were used for the graveling. There has been numerous new tubes placed in the Township due to water drainage problems. Some board members were concerned

with all the weed growth along the new turn around on US-27 and down on Scott Rd. along the guard rails. A spring time look into this next year might be to our advantage. These road repairs also included some double sealing on Kinley Rd.

* **Solar Farms Board/Residents discussion:** Supervisor Thelen asked that each resident holds their comments and or concerns to a 3 minute minimum for discussion. Let it be noted that most residents wanted to express their concerns on the impact of what these Solar Farms would entail to their neighborhood, the value of their homestead, and would it be financially beneficial to our Township. It was also brought up that there are many more options where to put up Solar Farms other than on farm land. The residents also were concerned on how the Township Board was going to handle applications when and if they came forth . The Board assured the residents that all concerns on discussions that they would listen to the residents

and then decide how they should go about with recommendation to Clinton Zoning on or if we get any application for Solar Farms in our Township . It was commented by Board members and the residents that this meeting was very informative and that all comments and concerns were valued. Updates with any more information will always be available to our residents.

* ARPA -Disbursements of Funds : Board discussion on some of the entities that want to receive funds did not seem clear enough to the Board so Smith made a motion to table this discussion until the October meeting.

*Seconded by Kindel

* Motion passed

New Business

* LP Gas Contract: Smith presented the bid from Smith Oil and Propane for pre-pay sales of LP. The Board was in agreement that with our discount and the amount of LP we used last year that the pre-pay amount was the way to proceed again this year . A roll call vote was taken

* All Board members voted with Ayes

* Motion passed

Additional Public Comment: Present at the Board meeting was candidate Wisswasser to present his bye for filling the vacancy of Commissioner Washburn. He introduced himself and gave information out in speech form of his position on certain topics and why he wanted to be on the November 2022 ballot.The Board thanked him for coming out to the meeting and introducing himself.

Meeting Adjournment: Motion was made by Kindel to adjourn the meeting

* Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 9pm.

Next Meeting October 24th,2022 7pm.

Supervisor Thelen

Clerk Smith