

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Monday April 21st, 2025 7pm

Board members in attendance, Supervisor Thelen, Clerk Smith ,Treasurer
Roof, Trustees,
Kindel and Graham

ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING

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The May 6th ,2025 St .John's School Bond Election will be held at the Greenbush Township Hall 1883 E. French Rd. St.Johns MI. 48879. The polls will be open from 7am-8pm. Unlike the bond issue election in 2024 only Greenbush registered voters will be casting their vote at the Greenbush Township hall. The certified election inspectors consist of Debra Hebler(Chairperson) Annette Snyder, Rebecca Fike, Jennie Jorae, Jackie Vasilenko and Brianne Moore. The Election receiving board will consist of Annette Snyder and Recca Fike. There are 1887 registered voters in Greenbush Township with 484 AV ballots being sent out.

A motion to accept the Election Commission meeting report, the Election inspectors and the receiving Board is being asked..

*Motion by Roof to accept the report

*Seconded by Kindel *Motion passed

*Motion to adjourn by Kindel *Seconded by Graham *Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

The Monthly meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thelen . All in attendance recited the pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda : Amendments to the agenda were as follows, zoning PC 15-19 to be added to new business and St . John's Fire Dept. contract to also be added to new business.* Motion by Kindel to accept the agenda as presented with the added amendments. *Seconded by Graham *Motion passed

Reading and Approval of Previous Months Minutes: *Motion by Graham to accept the previous months minutes and to dispense with the reading*Seconded by Kindel * Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Approval of Bill Payments: Treasurer Roof presented the monthly report with the Balance and the Profit and Loss sheets.. Roof reported that the the last FY 2024-2025 budget amendments were all in balance and that the Board is now working off the new FY budget. ACH, EFTPS and checks 14733-14735 are being asked for approval for payment. *Motion by Smith to accept the Treasurer's report and to pay the above bills. * Seconded by Kindel *Motion passed

St. Johns Fire Chief: Kevin Douglas, Chief Douglas introduced himself to the Township. He is from Bath Township with 16 years of service in the Fire Department business. He is very pleased to have been hired to serve our community. He will be 60% Fire Chief and 40% County inspector. He felt this would be a good fit to be hired as full time. A few things that the Chief is looking to accomplish are a new ladder truck and to make sure mutual aid is top priority with other outlying areas. Chief Douglas also stressed that he was brought into a very impressive Fire Department due to the past Fire Chief Jordan Whitford and wanted to thank him for his Service!

Clinton County Sheriff Report: No monthly report due to the fact that the Township meeting had an earlier date change.

CAASA Report: Riley Township will be joining CAAS as of April 2025. This is going to give a quicker response time to their residence. The Assistant Director has been working very hard on the new employee handbook and other articles. Overall the Ambulance crew and the Association are doing well.

Assessor Report- Beth Botke: Absent, due to meeting date conflict.

Commissioner Report -Bruce DeLong ,District #3: There is ongoing discussion about the safety of the Clinton County jail and if now would be a good time to step up the procedure of building a new one. The County is looking for a second grant for Broadband to be coming in July. More info to follow on these topics in the future.

Correspondence: Smith reported that she had attended the quarterly officers meeting earlier in the month and that there were some very informative speakers in attendance. One of the speakers was Gary Borson from Green Space and he spoke of the parks and waterways that are in Clinton County and how you can take advantage of all there is to do.. Especially near Clinton Lakes on DeWitt Rd. that has a field of wildflowers that are available for your use. Also Kate Neese from Recycling reminded us of the recycle day at the Clinton County 4-H grounds

Public Comment: Dave Smith reminder of School bond Election, Theresa Owen House of Energy committee at the Capitol April 22nd. 9am

OLD BUSINESS * CCRC Contracts (Letter Communications)

*The present gravel contracts that were recieved by the Township are at this time not being signed. The Board wants to make sure the costs are relevant and coincide with the service.

*The letter that was recieved from the CCRC to various Board members and was made public knowledge was the lengthy topic of discussion , not only by the Township Board members but the residents that attended the meeting. They were allowed to voice their concerns and to ask questions. The biggest concern from the residents was that they thought that the received letter stated that the RC would not take care of the Township

roads in any matter. The Board reassured them that this would not be the situation. Basically the situation on Scott Rd. between Marshall and Hyde Rds. is the issue needed to be resolved. Supervisor Thelen spoke to board members of an Engineering firm that would come and analyze the road we are dealing with. * A motion was made by Graham to accept the contract from NTH Consultants Ltd. This the firm that did an analysis on Scott Rd. and to pay the \$3000.00 fee. * Seconded by Kindel. Roll call vote was taken, Kindel YES, Roof YES, Graham YES, Thelen YES, and Smith ABSTAIN. * Motion passed.

As many residents conveyed along with Board members that a meeting with the RC should be set up so both sides can come to a mutual agreement and to get our relationship back in proper working order. Supervisor Thelen said that he would be on the agenda on Thursday April 24th 9am at the CCRC monthly meeting. He strongly suggested that there is public comment time and any resident should feel free to go and speak. Conclusion of the discussion is to get a good working relationship back with the CCRC.

NEW BUSINESS

* PC-15-19: Board discussion on the site plan renewal for numerous parcels on the Schlegel Gravel removal pits. The Board agreed that everything was in order for zoning to give them the renewal. Clerk Smith will respond with a go ahead to zoning from Greenbush Township.

* St. John's Fire Dept. Contract: Smith made a * Motion to accept the four (4) year contract to the St. Johns Fire Dept. with quarterly payments of \$15000.00 and acknowledgment that the CPI factor is involved with rate hikes. Second by Kindel * Roll call vote was taken Roof, Kindel, Smith, Graham, and Thelen all Ayes. * Motion passed.

Additional Public Comment: None

Adjournment: * Motion by Graham to adjourn the meeting * Seconded by Kindel * Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:25pm

Next meeting May 19th, 2025 7pm

Supervisor, Lee Thelen

Clerk, Ramona Smith