

Greenbush Township regular Meeting

March 5th, 2018

All members were present. The meeting was called to order by supervisor Smith.

There was an addition to the agenda by adding under Old Business, Lawyers bids, Silvers Rd. Property and remove Fire Hall Settlement. Motion by Graham seconded by Kindel to approve additions and deletions to the agenda, motion carried. Motion was made by Kindel seconded by Graham, motion carried.

Clinton County Sherriff Department – No one was present from the department. Supervisor Thelen called to see if we have any representation to come out to the meeting, the department will look into this, Clerk Smith stated she gets a report but many times it is a month behind.

CAAS – Lynn Weber reported the Rehab/Disaster trailer was used at the EB Ridge Farms fire. CAAS is working with County Fire Chiefs to purchase the rest of the desired equipment. The Community Paramedic program is continuing to be productive in the community.

St. Johns Fire Department – Dean Mazzolini presented the annual report to the township. The annual fee will remain at the \$40,000. Our fire department service with St Johns is going well. Clerk Smith stated that the annual 2017 report is available at the hall to our residents.

Reading and Approval of the Prior Months Minutes – Clerk Smith read the February Minutes there were no correction or additions, motion by Kindel seconded by Roof to approve the minutes as read motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of the Bill Payment - Motion by Supervisor Thelen seconded by Clerk Smith to approve the treasurer's report as presented, motion carried. Motion by Graham seconded by Kindel to pay bills 13289 thru 13306 and also the, 2 EFT payments. Treasurer Roof also gave report on income and expenses from the sale of the CAFR Fire Department.

Correspondence – Supervisor Thelen presented a new form from Zoning for the protocol of filing complaints by residents, they are available at the township hall.

The township received a letter from the Seventh Day Adventist, they will be doing evangelistic work from June 3rd to August 2, 2018.

Public Comment – Supervisor Thelen reported on the Williams Rd problem resulting from the new Gravel pit in Bingham Township, he is in contact with the Road Commission and will keep abreast of the situation.

County Commissioner Report – Kam Washburn reported that Green Space is going to do improvements on Clinton Lake such as bathrooms, parking lot etc. Hopefully grants that have been applied for will cover most of this. The Solar Farm in Bingham Township on M-21 should be done this spring and up and working, the grass will be kept down by sheep. Goats had been used previously but they kept jumping on the mirrors and breaking them.

Assessor Report.- Beth Botke reported on this year's tax basis for various types of property. She also reported on the Board of Review it will be held at the hall on March 14th 3-9 and March 15th 9-3. She has been having a lot of questions on land transfers etc.

Old Business

Furnace bids – The Township Board received 5 bids. All bids were consistent with each other in cost and types of furnaces and air conditioners. The board did have a few questions that will need clarifying; after these are answered the board will make the final decision at the April meeting. Deputy Treasurer Tom Roof was asked to notify the 5 bidders with the Board's concerns. Treasurer Roof motioned to table until next month Kindel seconded motion carried.

Amend 2017-2018 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$2000.00. Motion made by Roof to move money from Lawyers fees to various chart of accounts for balancing purposes, seconded by Kindel motion carried.

The budget for 2018-2019 fiscal year was presented for final approval. Motion by Kindel seconded by Graham to accept the budget as presented, motion carried.

Lawyers bid. Treasurer Roof reported there are only 2 lawyers in Lansing Fayhe and Schultz at \$225 per hour and Patterson at \$200 per hour. Foster and Swift out of Grand Rapids Roof stated that she wasn't looking at them because of possible travel time. Supervisor Thelen made a motion to table this until next month until a policy can be constructed Graham seconded motion carried.

Silvers Rd. property – discussion involving pros and cons of selling the property Trustee Graham is going to research of choosing a realtor. Motion by Kindel seconded by Roof for Graham to do this motion carried.

New Business

Road Commission March meeting is scheduled for March 21 at 8; 00 am for discussion on upcoming road projects for the 2018 year. Supervisor Thelen, Trustee Graham, and Trustee Kindel will be attending. Trustee Kindel gave update on road projects that the township are looking at to achieve this summer.

New Meeting dates were discussed. The Board discussed the pros and cons of having it on the 4th Monday of the month. Motion by Kindel seconded by Roof motion carried, this will begin , April23rd of 2018.

Additional Public Comments – None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 Motion by Kindel seconded by Graham motion carried.

Lee Thelen, Supervisor

Ramona Smith, Clerk