

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Monday October 28th, 2024 7pm

Board members Thelen, Smith, Roof, Kindel and Graham were in attendance.

*** Election Commission Meeting;** Clerk Smith asked Supervisor Thelen to open this meeting at 7pm. This meeting consisted of a report on the upcoming November 5th, 2024 Presidential Election. Clerk Smith reported on the Election workers, their names, their duties and the days they would be working. This also includes the EV day that Greenbush Township is scheduled to work. The Township Board said everything seemed to be in order for the Election and commented that we should run a smooth Election. *Motion was made by Roof to accept the report and to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm*Seconded by Kindel *Motion passed.

Call to order: Supervisor Thelen called the monthly meeting to order at 7:04pm

and asked that the Pledge of Allegiance be said.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Thelen asked that the Road Commission guest be added to the agenda after the Sheriff's report and that Mr. Sirrine from the city of St. Johns be acknowledged during correspondence. A motion was made by Roof to accept the agenda as presented and to amend it with the changes from Supervisor Thelen.*Seconded by Kindel *Motion passed.

Clinton County Sheriff Report: The monthly report via email was presented to the Board. Again it showed that our Township is being well protected and to be aware that deer and vehicle season is in high gear.

Road Commission: Management Doug Steffen and Mike Frederick presented a year end report that most County road projects are winding down and being completed. Steffen commented how it was a very busy season and was pleased with the completed projects. Some in particular is the countywide inventory on culverts for maintenance and to make sure they are in proper size according to code. They are looking forward to the officers meeting in November to look into next year's road work. The Hall road project turned out well and residents were very appreciative of Slagel and Stoneco being a good neighbor and contributing to the road upkeep. Next year's road work will be a complete redo of DeWitt Rd. from M-21 south to Kinley then proceed to Colony Rd. These are not Greenbush Township expenses. Residents asked if there was consideration of a bike path along DeWitt Rd.? Not at this time. It was suggested by the RC the earlier you get in your road request to them in the spring is better for it helps out with scheduling. Overall the report from Steffen and Frederick was very informative and the Greenbush Board is looking forward to working with them for the upcoming 2025-2026 FY road improvements.

CAAS Report: The Board is in the process of writing new by-laws that will better reflect their business in these changing times. At this time Bill Schmitt has stepped down as Chairperson, tentative Chair person is Lee Thelen. Clerk Smith asked that if the CAAS budget is being looked at that we should have a say or something on record that we as a Township want to stay at our \$15.00 per capita for our residents. Supervisor Thelen said it's across the board that all jurisdictions are staying at \$15.00 per capita for the next fiscal year. Clerk Smith still felt that there should be a Motion made that the Greenbush Board was in compliance with the \$15.00. *Motion was made by Smith that it go on record for the CAAS budget that Greenbush Township will stay at the \$15.00 per capita for the 25-26FY*
*Seconded by Roof ~Roll call vote was taken 5 ayes 0 nays *Motion

passed. CAAS is also looking into hiring a HR person due to the fact that the Ambulance employment is getting larger.

Reading and Approval of Prior Months Minutes: * *Motion by Kindel to accept the previous months' minutes and to dispense with their reading.* * *Seconded by Roof* * *Motion passed*

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bill Payment: Treasure Roof reported that Patti Schafer of Countryside Accounting has been a tremendous help in all of the audit reports, ARPA funds finalization and closing out the books. Much time was put in by Treasurer Roof for the Audit that came back all ok! Clerk Smith asked that if an invoice comes through from Millers Excavating for the driveway work that we pay it before the November meeting. Being that they got the job completed before the Election. Treasurer Roof said she will pay it as soon as she receives it. Roof explained that at this time of the month that there are many expenses that normally don't occur but as the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss show the Township is in very good financial standing. Treasurer Roof is asking that the Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet, ACH, EFTPS and Checks 14641-14632 be approved. *Motion by Smith to approve the Treasurer's report and pay said bills * Seconded by Graham *Motion passed

Correspondence: Guests John Serrine and Ken Perrin gave a presentation on the new park facility that is going to replace the Fantasy Forest playground at the St. Johns park. They are asking Townships and various donors to help out financially. Their presentation was very informative and they both were very knowledgeable about the project. Various residents asked questions and seemed quite interested in the new facility. As a Governmental Body we are unable to contribute to the fact that we would be using residents money without them voting on the use of Township funds. The Board thanked them for coming out and wished them the best of luck! There are personal donations that can be made so the Board had them leave some brochures at the Hall.

Public Comment(on anything other than agenda items) Resident from Essex Township Jody Smith proceeded to speak on behalf of Clinton Transit. CT will be handing out candy for Halloween during the downtown early trick or treating hours. CT is working on scheduling rides to be available every 10 minutes, this would be very beneficial to all involved parties. At some point the State is looking into Statewide transportation with one ticket being satisfactory for bus, trains etc. Resident Graham gave a very interesting insight on all the City Commission and Zoning meetings that have been happening lately and is encouraging residents to still show up for the meetings and voicing your concerns. Resident Owen also gave some good insight on Township controlled Zoning and how it would affect our Township.

County Commissioner Report: Absent

Assessor Report: Botke commented on how Boulder Creek in our Township is becoming very well populated and residents seem to like that area. Winter tax roll is ready to be placed in the system for the release to the residents. BOR will be in December.

OLD BUSINESS

* Road Report: 2024-2025 road projects are finalized with just a few added on projects that will be a quick fix. Graham was concerned with the winter scraping that will occur on the new road covering on Scott Rd. Supervisor Thelen said it wouldn't hurt to talk to the RC about it. The corner of DeWitt Rd. and French Rd. should be completed this Wednesday. More graveling in the new fiscal year would be something the Board will be looking into. Graham asked any Board members if they had noticed a lot of loose stones on the Hyde Rd. project? It is noticeable but hopefully in time it will settle down. The RC will be having their annual Township officials meeting on Tuesday November 19th at 7pm at the Clinton County RC building. Then on December 12th at 1pm the RC will be hosting MDOT for an informational meeting. As said in the RC report Hall Rd.

is finalized. Resident Zebiak was very concerned that the RC is not following through with Rd. repair adjacent to her property and she feels that there are some trees that need to be removed by RC and that miscommunication is not helping matters get solved. Supervisor Thelen said he was aware that something needs to be done and hope the Township can get some results for her.

* Green Energy: The November 7th special meeting called by the City Commissioners needs to be well attended by our residents. This meeting is concerned with whether or not a lawsuit will be filed by Foster and Swift to the State for control of local zoning. And that the Commissioners will back them up. This is also a financial decision on the part of the Commission and if various jurisdictions will also contribute financially.

*Election Update: Clerk Smith reported that AV ballots are being returned at a good pace and the EV that started on the 26th of October is starting to prove as a good option. The last day to request an AV ballot will be the weekend of November 2nd & 3rd.

OLD BUSINESS

* Eureka Cemetery: Clerk Smith presented the 2023-2024 FY financial from the Eureka Cemetery Board. The Township board accepted this report and was glad that the Cemetery is in good financial standing and that the Cemetery is being well maintained. Supervisor Thelen also commented that Union Home Cemetery in our cemetery is also being well maintained.

* Zoning OR 205-24: This zoning case is dealing with property that wants to annex to Walker Rds. solar lease . Clerk Smith was asked by the Board to respond to the Zoning Board that we do not recommend this case to move forward. Clerk Smith will do so.

* Meeting Date Change: Due to scheduling conflicts of Board members and the 4th Monday is Thanksgiving week

the November monthly meeting will be held on Monday November 18th,2024 at 7pm.

Additional Public Comment: None

***Side note:** The Board expressed their appreciation to Tom Roof, our maintainece employee for all the extra preparation involved for the upcoming Election!!!

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

Adjournment: 9:08 PM

Next Meeting: November 18th,2024 7pm

Supervisor Lee Thelen

Clerk Ramona Smith