

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Monday March 24th, 2025 7pm

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

The Monthly Meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Treasurer Roof asked that Budget Amendments for the 2024-2025 FY year be added to Old Business. Supervisor Thelen asked that before the CAAS report we add Fire Department billing. *Motion by Kindel to accept the Agenda as presented with the added amendments. * Seconded by Graham. MP

Reading and Approval of Previous Months Minutes: *Motion by Roof to accept previous months minutes and to dispense with their reading.* Seconded by Kindel MP

Treasurer's Report & Approval of Bill Payments: Treasurer Roof presented the monthly report with the Profit and Loss sheet along with the Balance sheet. Treasurer Roof asked that checks # 14698-14730 along with EFTPS and ACH be approved for payment. It was also reported that all budgeted funds were disbursed for the 2024-2025 FY. *Motion was made by Smith to accept the given report and to pay said bills. *Seconded by Graham MP

Guest- Sara Morrison, St. Johns District Library: Morrison thanked anyone who was able to come to the Library for the Grand Opening of the renovation. The Library officially opened on February 24th. Morrison also conveyed how the Library Board used as many local contractors as they possibly could. This made a great difference on the expenditure of the grant monies that were recieved. One of the perks the Library has added a room for the use of public meetings or such things as small family gatherings. A 3d printer and many hands-on activities for the children. Morrison encourages everyone to stop in even if it is just for a tour.

Clinton County Sheriff: Sheriff Wetzel stopped by for a well welcomed visit .He reported that things are pretty calm in Greenbush. He commended the Township for being aware of their surroundings and being attentive of their neighbors. There were few juveniles that have been going on top of businesses roofs in St.Johns but they have been apprehanded. A few car thefts, but nothing

out of the ordinary and of course there is always the dreaded deer and vehicle mishaps.

Fire Billing: Supervisor Thelen asked Clerk Smith if she would contact Accu-Med, our fire billing company, if their company is under new management. He had heard there may be some changes in the company and wants to make sure our fire runs are going to be properly handled. St. Johns Fire Department is in the midst of many changes ; a new Fire Chief and completing new contracts to Jurisdictions that use their services. Greenbush is looking at a yearly amount of \$60,000.00. We are currently at \$42,000.00. The Board's discussion was this is a service that is well worth the increase. A new contract should be brought to the Board by the end of April.

CAASA: The hiring of the new assistant director is working out very well and seems to help director Weber with his work load. There are five rigs up and running which is a plus for our community. The Association has a great team and acknowledges that everything is running smoothly.

Assessor Report: Beth Botke reported that the recent BOR went very well. There were 5 petitions between Greenbush and Essex. 3 denied, 2 approved and 1 complaint. Botke appreciates the gentleman that works at BOR and all the help they provided to her.

CCC Report: Nicole Ficke reported at the Board of Commissioners meeting 3/25/25 they will be approving a 3rd new Deputy. Frontier is looking for broadband support. The prospects of a new county jail is still in the works. It is just the numbers that keep popping up that are becoming hard to realize what the financing would be like. Ficke did take a tour of the jail and she said like any building there is the need for upgrading ,but again at what price to the taxpayers?

Correspondence: A letter was recieved by the Board from Frontier and Tri-county for our support of the Broadband project. * Motion to do so was made by Kindel * Seconded by Graham MP Clerk Smith will take care of this. The fire runs that were in correspondence with CE can be billed through Accu-med as far back as March 2024, Smith will look into this. There was a complaint in a letter from a resident about unsightly trash at a neighbors house and wondered how to go about getting this resolved. Supervisor Thelen will call Zoning in the upcoming day. Resident Keys is reminding residents of a person with unleashed dogs that runs them on any property. This person does not appreciate you telling them to get off your property. The procedure is to call the police department first then proceed to tell them to get off your property.

OLD BUSINESS

* Township Roads/ CC RC Meeting : From west Hyde Rd. to Welling Rd. will be getting repaired due to loose stones and not being done with proper material. The Board appreciates this being taken care of. The CCRC meeting will be discussed at the April Township meeting.

* Budget Amendments: Treasurer Roof reported that there were six minor amendments that needed to be made to adjust the budget of the 2024-2025 FY so to start with a balance for the 2025-2026 FY . Roof suggested that we transfer the funds from our road budget to achieve this balance. This would NOT be from the Road mileage, but our regular road funds. *Motion to do so from Kindel
Seconded by Graham MP

* Assessors Contract : Was taken care of at February's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

*2025-2026 Road Contracts: Motion by Kindel that at this time we will only be signing the Chloride contractt all other contracts are being negotiated at the present time. * Seconded by Graham Roll call vote 5 ayes 0 nays MP. The Chloride is to be scheduled a week before every major holiday and the 3rd application is negotiable.

*Acceptance of 2025-2026 Budget: Smith made a motion to accept the new 2025-2026 FY Budget with it taking place as of April 1st 2025. *Seconded by Graham Roll Call vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays MP .

* Residential Land Split Fee : Botke suggested to the Board that the land split fee had not been updated in many years. The fee now is \$150.00. Motion by Graham to increase the land fee by \$50.00 at a total of \$200.00 *Seconded by Kindel Roll call vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays MP.

Additional Public Comment: The discussion of a bike path on DeWitt road and into Greenbush Township was very concerning to residents in our Township and especially those who live on Dewitt Rd. Guest Jessica Chant Smith who lives on Dewitt road has talked to the area land owners that this would not be a wise choice for tax payers money and basically the safety of someone riding a bike on that road being that it is going to be allocated truck route Resident Graham asked the question of how you assess solar farms if they chose to stay on personal property? Industrial taxation from agri pays higher mileage rates. Guest Dave Smith commented on the St. Johns School Bond issue and whether or not this is a feasible way to go into debt.

Adjournment: Motion by Kindel to adjourn the meeting * Second by
Graham

Adjourn at 9:30 PM **Next Meeting April 28th, 2025 7pm**

Supervisor Lee Thelen

Clerk Ramona Smith
