

## GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

September 23, 2019

Present Supervisor Thelen, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Roof, Trustee Graham, Trustee Kindel

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Lee Thelen at 7:00 p.m.

Additions to the agenda were under New Business, zoning case ZC 14-19 VR Becks and ZC 15-19 VR Thelen. Remove Resolution wording for L4029 and addition of Mower Shed. Motion by Roof seconded by Kindel for amendments to the agenda motion carried and motion by Kindel seconded by Graham to approve agenda motion carried.

Sheriff Report - Discussed Labor Day accidents in Greenbush Township. The deputy addressed resident Art Wainwright's concerns of more police patrol during accidents. Deputy Wetzel introduced Sarah Huyser, as a potential candidate for Prosecuting Attorney.

CAAS – In CAAS's representatives absence Supervisor Thelen gave a short overview of his last monthly meeting discussions. The crews need a higher wage to stay competitive with surrounding services; a new ambulance will be needed next year. Director Lynn Weber is still pursuing discussion with all townships in CAASA area for the need of an increase to \$6.00 per capita. The fee for service is now at \$3.00 per capita; Greenbush is giving \$4.00 per capita at this time. There are many areas close to CAASA that are charging a substantial amount higher for their same services. More discussion will be forthcoming. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Director Lynn Weber at the ambulance service.

Reading of the Minutes – A motion was made by Kindel seconded by Graham to dispense with the reading of the minutes and the approval of the previous months minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Report was approved as given by Treasurer Roof and checks from 13623 -13635 to be paid. Motion by Smith seconded by Kindel to approve report and to pay checks motion carried.

Correspondence - Stacy Jenkins questioned Medical Marijuana facilities in our township. Assessor Botke is sending a letter to Doug Riley to contact her.

Public Comment – Sarah Huyser spoke upon her candidacy for the position of Prosecuting Attorney for Clinton County in 2020. She has worked in Isabella County for 7 years and 3 years in the Clinton County Prosecuting Office.

Gayla Phillips asked that it seems that you are accused and guilty before trial, instead of innocence until proven guilty. Sarah stated that people she will be working with in her course of business with be innocence until proven guilty. That she believes that a good person can always have a bad day.

Commissioner Washburn – Court house is going to have a security company come in to set up a badge system for employees especially for the third floor area.

Waste management – Kate Neese approved a tire recycling collection during the annual recycling collection at the Road Commission again next year due to a grant being received.

Central Dispatch will hire a consultant company to go over the 911 upgrade. This will hopefully help the cost to the consumers.

Assessor Botke - 25 parcels need to be visited yet, there are a lot of new building permits being requested in our township. All next week she will be training at Boyne Highland at an assessor conference. Assessor Botke commented that the completion was done of the L4029 it is ready to be signed and delivered to the Courthouse.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Road Report – Supervisor Thelen commented on how trustee Kindel had stayed on top of the gravel on the various roads in the township, the chloride has been applied. He also stated that Trustee Graham had worked on the new parking area with 97% of the work and Supervisor Thelen and Trustee Kindel at 2% straw boss.

MDOT – Left hand turn lanes will be put in at all the roads in the township running adjacent to US 27 at the medians. This will be with the 2020 budget.

The County states Kinley road will be done yet this year. Maple Rapides road is in the process. Resident Kevin Sopocy is concerned of the speed on Maple Rapids Road especially after it is done that the drivers will go even faster. He offered Deputy Wetzel to come and sit in his driveway to monitor the traffic. Speed limit signs will not go up for it is known that the speed limit is 55 on all roads unless otherwise posted.

Scott Rd update Supervisor Thelen stated he had received a lot of positive feedback on the closing of Colony Road at US 27 and black topping Scott from Kinley to M 21. Larry Kus spoke on the hardship to him as a farmer and not having access to his fields off from Colony. Supervisor Thelen suggested that there could be a tube put in the ditch to make use of the lane. The cost would be to Larry Kus, but was suggested that possibly other farmers could go in on the cost of the tube if they had access to the lane. The closing of Colony Road is a result of a safety grant to the state from the county.

Jean Bradley mentioned that there were a larger number of trucks going by.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

L 4029 signed for the maximum amount on taxes

LP Gas pre pay \$1.32 per gallon. Used 500 gallons in 2018 there is \$319 left in account it was decided to purchase 700 gallons for the upcoming year. Motion by Thelen seconded by Graham, motion carried.

Snow removal bids were sent out to Smith Landscaping, Pro Cut and Williams. Smith came in at \$25 for the u drive and \$75 for the whole parking lot, which will be at meeting times. Pro Cut was \$50 for the circle drive. There was no response from Williams. Thelen made the motion that we accept Smith Landscaping bid Roof seconded, motion carried.

Mower shed - Supervisor Thelen discussed various options to make a shed to house the lawn mower and, other various pieces of equipment. There was discussion on whether building a shed or purchasing a built shed was the best route it was tabled until next month.

Cement work – Pettigrew Construction and Masonry and Triple T CO .were asked for bids to do a walkway for around the hall and numerous places. After discussion it was decided that we would wait until next spring due to the price of the bid and also that other companies are scheduled out until next spring. Motion by Graham and Seconded by Roof, motion carried.

#### Zoning

Becks ZC14-15-VR - Variance of placement and size of sign where the trailers are placed. It will be a LED sign with digital messages. Supervisor Thelen abstained from voting because being adjacent property owner. Reported back to zoning that we had no objection.

Thelen - ZC15-19-VR Request for a sign at his property on US 27. Supervisor Thelen withdrew to the audience for discussion for this variance. The Board reported to the zoning they had no objections.

Supervisor Thelen mentioned the Clinton County Historical potluck on September 26, 2019 at AgGo.

No Additional Comments

Adjournment at 8:53 Motion by Graham seconded by Kendel motion carried.

Next Meeting October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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Supervisor Lee Thelen

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Clerk Ramona Smith

