

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Monday January 26th, 2026 7pm

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

The 2026 New Year Board meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor asked that the following items be added to new Business, CAASA budget and Zoning violation. * Motion was made by Kindel to accept the Agenda as presented with the addition of two items to New Business . * Seconded by Graham, MP.

Reading and Approval of previous months minutes: *Motion by Roof to approve prior months minutes and to dispense with their reading. * Seconded by Kindel ,MP.

Treasurer's Report & approval of Bill Payments: The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Sheet was presented by Treasurer Roof for review of the Board, along with the ACH and EFTPS payments. Treasurer Roof asked that checks numbered 14865-14887 be approved for payment. Before approval the Board asked Roof if she could get an estimate on State Revenue sharing for the upcoming FY year and present it at the Budget meeting. * Motion was made by Kindel to accept the Treasurer's report and to pay said checks.* Seconded by Smith. MP.

Clinton County Sheriff Report: Sheriff Wetzel was in attendance. The Board was very pleased that he took the time to stop and give some insight on our Township and County. There still are many car

and deer accidents, so please be attentive to them. Tickets are still at a minimum in Greenbush Township , which means we watch out for where the County Sheriffs are parking!! Overall Sheriff Wetzell said our County and Township is well protected by their fine staff

CAASA: Supervisor Thelen has been reporting in previous months that Clinton Area Ambulance financial status was in an average stage. The Ambulance Board has been keeping track in the last few months of a decline in revenue coming in due to losing runs from the St.Johns U of M Hospital to Lansing U of M Hospital. This has been taken over by Mercy's Ambulance service. With that being said there has been much deliberation on the part of CAASA to make sure that they continue to be lucrative. Supervisor Thelen reported that minimum cuts were being taken as far as personal and equipment. It will soon be time for Jurisdictions to do their budget and CAASA is hoping that all involved will consider how important this service is to our residents and support them financially with an increase in funds. The Greenbush Township Board will take this into consideration as the 2026-2027 Budget is soon to be worked on. Most assured the doors will NOT be closing!

Assessor Report- Beth Botke: Measurements have been completed and Assessments are in the process to go out. BOR training has been completed. BOR meeting dates have been set and will be posted. Botke reported that new fly over maps are available. Clerk Smith will look into their availability.

Clinton County Commissioner Report- Nicole Fickes : Absent. Supervisor Thelen did receive a call from Ficke with a short report that things are a little quite at the County, but be aware that the zoning problem is still on going so stay involved in this matter

Correspondence: Clerk Smith reported on the new Clinton County burn permits from the St. Johns Fire Department. Smith will post them on the web and have copies at the Township Hall. Smith also told of legislative action that MTA is watching over and made copies for residents to keep informed on such action. The quarterly Officers meeting was held in January and was attended by Thelen and Smith.

Public Comment: A few residents attended a meeting that was held at Bingham Township Hall in regards with the Solar panels to be placed on Walker Rd. St. Johns MI. This meeting was arranged by the Business that has applied to the State for a permit, which is protocol to get input and concerns from residents that will be affected by these Solar panels. The residents that attended are in hopes that this Business received the feedback as negative.

A second meeting was also attended by many residents which involved the future bond issue for St. Johns Public Schools. It was brought forth that a bond was not going to be put to the residents this spring and that the School Board could do a non-voting bond with a few stipulations. There are still bonds that are owned on but the Board felt that they had a plan to proceed in a positive way. There were many pros and cons, so there will be future communication to be brought to the public.

OLD BUSINESS: *Road Report- Soon to be approved will be the 2026-2027 FY Budget in April. This will have projects that the Board will be doing with the road funds that are available. Various road projects are to finish the 6 more miles of Township roads that need gravel, chloride applications, chip sealing and just overall maintenance on our Township Roads. The Township Board feels confident that with their transparency of funds that a lot can be accomplished this new FY. *Fire Billing- Clerk Smith made a motion to proceed with the

Township conducting their own Fire Billing when it is necessary to receive funds for a fire, Ect. in our Township. A letter of dismissal will be sent to our current billing company for notification of departure. And that a resolution will be brought to the Board in February that this will be taken upon by the Clerk of the Township. *Seconded by Thelen, MP. * Wolverine Contract- Clerk Smith reported that the contents of this contract is in compliance and after being reviewed by the Township Lawyer that signing this contract is in no means detrimental to the Township. * Motion by Roof to have Thelen and Smith sign contract. *Seconded by Graham MP.

NEW BUSINESS: * Budget Amendments- Treasurer Roof presented to the Board a list of five Budget Amendments that need to be taken care of before the 2026-2027 Budget meeting. The Board was in agreement that these Amendments were at a minimum and that the Budget for 2025-2026 was followed so closely. There was a *Motion by Supervisor Thelen to adjust these amendments,* Seconded by Kindel, Roll call vote - 5 Ayes 0 Nays MP.

*2026-2027 Salary Resolutions: Clerk Smith presented to the Board the Salary Resolutions with the cost of living being calculated at 2.8% per employee. The pay increases will be discussed at the 2026-2027 Budget meeting if these increases are added to the Budget the Resolutions will be voted on in February.

*Budget Meeting: Time set as 9am Saturday February 21st 2026. At the Greenbush Township Hall. Notice will be put in the Meridian Weekly paper this meeting is open to the public.

Clinton County Planning and Zoning*Local Supervisors Meeting- On Saturday January 24th Local Supervisors met and brainstormed on what they could bring forth to the Clinton County Planning and Zoning on the aspects of Townships owning their own Planning and Zoning. The consensus taken from the meeting was that this would not be financially affordable to their Township and if the County would take

care of the people that this could be resolved. There will be a discussional meeting with Planning and Zoning on February 5th To see how this situation can move forward.

Clinton County Ambulance Budget:The 2026-2027 Budget was given to the Township for our per-capita amount for their budget year to start April 1st 2026. *Motion to accept the Budget by Graham, Seconded by Kindel. Roll call vote was asked by Smith, Roof, Kindel, Graham, Smith and Thelen Ayes 5 Nays 0 MP.

*Zoning Violation- Supervisor Thelen was notified by the County that a resident in our Township has been approached numerous times for Business violations at their home. Discussion by Board and that action should still go forth in resolving this situation by the County.

Additional Public Comment: None

*Motion to Adjourn by Roof * Seconded by Graham MP

* Adjournment : 9:50 pm.

Next Meeting: February 23rd. 2026 7pm

Supervisor Lee Thelen

Clerk Ramona Smith