

GREENBUSH MINUTES

August 26, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thelen at 7:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved with no additions with a motion by Kindel seconded by Smith motion carried.

Sheriff Report - Deputy Wetzel , reported business as usual reports of many phone scams, the latest scam is using gift cards. Please report any negligent driving you see get license number and report to the office. Mrs. Bradley asked what the level and restrictions were for tinted glass on vehicle. The legal amount on a windshield 4" below the top unless a prescription is issued by a doctor.

CAASA- Lynn Weber, Director of CAASA, gave a presentation for the need of a per capita advancement for all entities. The per capita charge at this time is \$3.00; CAASA would like to raise that amount to \$6.00 per capita. In the presentation Director Weber explained the reason of this raise. He stated that a raise in ambulance replacements cost of operations, and lack of amount of money paid by insurances companies, Medicare, and Medicaid. CAASA has to accept the amount Medicaid reimburses them for the cost of t he run, Medicare people are unable to pay the balance incurred, and thus the amount received is lower than the actual cost of a run. The County Para-Medic program is gaining patients throughout the county, at this time the service is still no cost to the customer.

Director Weber would speak to any group or function about the need of a per capita increase. Please contact the ambulance service for information to set a date for a presentation. The presentation would last approximately 20 or so minutes. He will answer any questions at that time.

Reading of the Minutes - Motion by Kindel seconded by Smith to dispense with the reading and approval of the prior month's minutes, motion carried.

Treasurer Report – Report was approved as given by Treasure Roof; and Checks 13612-13622 to paid with a motion by Kindel seconded by Smith motion carried.

Correspondence – Drain Commissioner sent a letter to the township board concerning the Golden Gate drain and the brush spraying of the drain. It possibly could come out of the drain fund, but residents might get assessment on taxes if property flows into that drain. If your property would be assessed for the drain maintenance a letter would be sent to you from the Drain Commissioner's Office. Then there might be a special assessment on your winter taxes. Concerns should be directed to the drain commissioner's office.

Doug Riley, from Community Development relayed that there is a county ordinance prohibiting against marijuana and to satisfy LARA for the State of Michigan.

Supervisor Thelen wrote a letter to the state concerning Scott and Colony Rds. He wrote this as an individual not as a representative of the Board due to the fact that there was not going to be a meeting before the letter needed to be received by the state.

Public Comment – None

Commissioner Washburn – Septic system issue is a dead issue. There will be no testing required.

EPA gave a \$600,000 grant for Brownfield development to old buildings giving new uses and environment issues.

New Cheese Factory covers 8 and 1/2 acres under one roof, it will bring in 350 jobs with a \$20 hour average pay.

911 system needs major changes – the need for going on a state system will be a huge upgrade and undertaking. This may result in a County wide millage vote.

Motz Park Pavilion will be named after the late Larry E. Marten who was the past commissioner for Greenbush Township.

Assessor Botke – 7 sections are left to re-measure, and then they will be done re-measuring the Ag properties. There is no zoning planning on hemp farms. Hemp farmers will have to go thru MDARD to get permits to plant. There were more building permits this month than in the last 4 years.

OLD BUSINESS

Roads – 4 roads will be getting a good amount of gravel and the chloride has the proposed date of September 9th for the third passage. A discussion on the need of the 3rd application was discussed and the conclusion was that there would be a 3rd application. Carol Keys and Kim Kellogg voice concerns on the closing of Colony Rd at US 27. This was not proposed by the township this was a state action.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution

There were two resolutions voted on the first was the concerning Home Works and the right of way for telecommunications, that might be coming thru Greenbush Township. It was approved all yea votes no nay votes. Absent was Trustee Graham.

The second resolution was concerning a resident removing property from P.A. 116. All votes were yea no nays Trustee Graham absent.

Zoning - Beck Trailer Sales is asking permission for a neon sign there is an existing sign with a permit problem that needs to be taken care of before the new sign will be allowed. After a discussion the township state there is no problem with the new sign as long as the issue of the double is resolved before it is erected.

Clerk Smith stated if you have a burn permit and a passerby see the smoke and reports it there will be a fire call made out to the location but there will be no charge to resident. Clerk Smith had a couple incidents of residents wonder why this happens. Clint Barry asked Commissioner Washburn if when there is a new 911 system why the burn permits couldn't be shown on the screen when address was imputed. Commissioner Washburn thought that was a good idea.

Additional Public - Comment None

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m. motion by Kindel seconded by Roof motion carried

Next Meeting is September 23, 2019 at 7:00p.m.

Lee Thelen, Supervisor

Ramona Smith, Clerk