

# GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Monday December 16th, 2024

Board Members Present, Thelen, Smith, Kindel and Graham, Absent Roof. With Treasurer Deputy Tom Roof in replacement.

The Monthly meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thelen, he asked that everyone recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Thelen asked that St. Johns Fire Department be added to new business and Clerk Smith asked that a resolution that was received from Foster and Swift Agency also be added to new business.

\*Motion by Smith to add the above items to the agenda and to be approved as amended.

Seconded by Kindel \* Motion passed

**CC Sheriff's Reported:** Smith presented an email monthly report to the Board. Thelen gave the reminder again, that if you're going to be gone for a long period of time that your residence can be checked on periodically by the Sheriff's dept.

**CAAS Report:** Thelen reported that there would be a December meeting on the 19th of the month and work on the 2025-2026 FY has begun. A new hire of Eugene Howe is in place to be an assistant

to Director Weber. Thelen said this is a good fit with the hopes that Howe will roll over into the director position in the near future. Ovid Township has offered a good deal on a used Ambulance to St. Johns and the CAAS board felt they should proceed with the purchase. New bi-laws are in the process of being worked on along with a new HR policy. The new 2025-2026 should be available in the coming month to present to the Townships. One of the biggest costs right now that is being worked on in the budget is heart monitors. Five more would be sufficient at the cost of \$58,000.00 a piece, they would like to try to incorporate them in a five year payment.

**Reading and Approval of Previous Minutes:**

\*Motion was made by Kindel to accept minutes as presented and to dispense with their reading. Seconded by Graham \* Motion passed

**Treasurer's Report:** In absence of Treasure Roof her Deputy Tom Roof gave the report and asked that the Profit and Loss along with ACH and EFTPS be approved. Roof also asked that checks 14654-

**Correspondence:** Notice to the residents that the Briggs District Library construction is still in the

process but running on schedule. They are hoping for a March 2025 open house.

**Public Comment( on anything other than agenda items):** Essex resident Jody Smith reported on Clinton Transit system and how they are implementing the usage of books and or magazines on the buses. These may be taken home or just read on the bus. It was felt by CT that some rides were long and also this may occupy the children. If someone is participating in getting their GED their ride to RESA will be free but they must first be registered by January of 2025 to take advantage of this service.

**Clinton County Commissioner Report:** Not available at this time. One of our County Commissioners, Bruce DeLong or Nicole will be available after the first of the year.

**Assessor Report:** Beth Botke was present to report that most of the new construction in Greenbush is being finished up for 2024. BOR is about to start their new term and Botke asked the Township Board if they would reinstate Dave Boots and Pete Apostle to the board. \*Motion was made by Graham to reinstate these two Greenbush residents to BOR. \*Seconded by Smith

\*Motion passed.It was also mentioned by Botke that Two representatives from Essex Township would also be joining them once they are reinstated by Essex Township. Assening is also being done in Lebanon Township so it might be a possibility that a representative from there may also join our BOR.

As many residents did notice on their winter tax bill that there was a 3.2 tax increase,Botke wished it wouldn't have happened but she had no control over it.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **\* Road Report: The**

Township Board is gearing up for the 2025-2026 FY Budget to decide on funds to be used on the roads. With the mill that was passed and how Township funds have been used we plan on being in good shape to take care of our roads.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **\* St. Johns Fire**

**Department** : Supervisor Thelen has been in contact with the St.Johns City Manager on the situation of hiring a new Fire Chief and how the Townships that are in contract with the Fire

Department should be charged. Thelen thought the meeting was very productive towards our needs and protection. The City is working hard to resolve this new process of getting a new chief and determining how to charge and help out the Townships involved. More info to follow.

**\* Poverty Resolution**

Motion was made by Kindel to accept the Poverty Resolution. \*Seconded by Graham ( Due to the fact that the resolution is Income related a roll call vote must be taken) 4 ayes 1 absent \* Motion past

**\*Foster and Swift Resolution:** Clerk Smith presented to the Board a resolution she had received from the law firm of Foster and Swift. It pertains to the Lawsuit that is going forth to the State of Michigan concerning green energy/zoning issues. Greenbush is being asked to support in the Lawsuit along with 79 other participating Jurisdictions. \*Motion was made by Kindel to accept and sign the Resolution \* Seconded by Graham \*Roll call was taken 4 ayes 1 absent \*Motion passed

**Additional Public Comment:** Resident Owen asked if their had been any communication with the Bingham supervisor Eric Silm on brainstorming

Townships conducting their own Zoning. Clerk Smith said she had contacted him and with the holidays approaching he said he would follow up at a later date. Also he commented that there's a lot of personnel changes at the County at this time of the year so he would like to see if there is going to be a more positive outcome in County zoning.

\*Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Graham \*Seconded by Kindel \*Motion passed Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

**NEXT MEETING- JANUARY 27th,2025**

**Lee Thelen, Supervisor      Ramona Smith, Clerk**  
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