

## Greenbush Township Minutes

November 25, 2019

All members present except Kyle Graham.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thelen at 7:07 pm . The agenda was approved without any additions with a motion by Kindel seconded by Roof, motion carried.

Sheriff report - No one was present from the sheriff office, Supervisor Thelen read the monthly report from the Sheriff's office.

CAASA – Supervisor Thelen reported that the CAASA Board did their budget and they are expecting all the entities will go up to \$6.00 per capita.

Reading of the Minutes – Assessor Beth Botke had an addition to the minutes as follows “Greenbush Township Land Division Combination Applications have been updated to include PA23 of 2019 signed on September 15, 2019. This change in the law require parcels to be divided receive a Certified Tax Letter from the county treasure. There is a \$5.00 per parcel fee and the letter will need to accompany all applications.”

The motion was made by Treasurer Roof seconded by Kindel to approve the minutes with the correction and to also dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer Report – Report was accepted as presented motion to pay the bills with checks numbered 13654 – 13664 motion by Smith seconded by Kindel motion carried.

Clerk Smith reported that Frontier offers internet and phone in our area now. It would run about \$100.00 a month. This cannot be done until after February 12 when our Casair contract runs out. The board will revisit this the 24<sup>th</sup> of February.

Correspondence - Minutes of the previous months Briggs District Library was presented to the board.

Public Comment – None

Commissioner Washburn – Indigent defense fund in the court system he was concerned about the cost to the court system. 1<sup>st</sup> appearance 34 for Circuit Court and 508 for District Court, this year we were reimbursed for the majority of the fees. This year 17 year old will be tried as juveniles; Graham Fuller said the state will give us money for this program.

There will be on the ballot this election 2020 a .85 mills for 911. If the milage passes then it will lower our cost from \$2.45 a month to about \$1.50 per month per phone line. This upgrade to the system is greatly needed to keep abreast of the growing population needs and to replace outdated equipment. The cheese factory is in one of the top 4 economic drivers in the tri county region.

There was an incident on Gilson Road between Sevy and Marshall Rd. E.B. Ridge was hauling manure on the wet road to the field and it really beat the road up. Doug Steffens Clinton County Road Commission, Kam Washburn Commissioner, and Bart Desagure owner of E.B. Ridge met to discuss a solution which resulted in that Desagure will pay for all the repair of the road. Some of the roads have been closed in the area during chopping time for the safety of the residents and the farmers. We all need to be responsible and considerate of all farmers. Supervisor Thelen said that there are no policies or rules in place, because Desagure could have told them he wasn't going to pay anything and there would not have been any recourse. These should be state wide policies. One of the problems is that they are cutting into the field instead of using the driveways this degrades the roadsides and the road.

Beth Botke - Board of Review 12-10-2019 at the Township hall there are two properties in questions. Everything has been balanced and turned over to Denise for the Winter Tax Roll.

Road Report – November 7 Road Commission meeting to have an update on the road projects. One of the things that are coming is a Michigan Turn Around at Maple Rapids Road. Colony Road closure proposition will be known in February. Kinley Rd came in on budget and it looks nice.

Jean Bradley mentioned that there are 50 to 60 trucks a day on Scott Rd. hauling from Schlagels pit to EB Ridge. Supervisor Thelen will discuss this with Armentrout.

Sidewalk - the board will wait until spring for this project due to the wet fall.

2020 Elections - Clerk Smith reported March is a State Mandate Election for President Primary. August is a general primary election and November is the general election.

E Poll book computer might need a new one if this existing one is not able to be upgraded

Eureka Cemetery Grant- Clerk Smith reported on previous policies for the up keep on the Eureka Cemetery due to their depleting monetary amounts in their budget. It was suggested by the board that when the grant money amount is presented for the next fiscal year budget that it be taken into consideration to raise the grant.

Zoning – Case PC32-19MA/PUDOR155-19 The board stated that there were no objections to the zoning request. Clerk Smith will notify Zoning on their decision.

Road Millage Request - Clerk Smith will contact the lawyer to obtain correct wordage for the millage request that will be on the ballot in August 2020.

Additional Public Comment – None

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 by Roof seconded by Kindel motion carried, next meeting December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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Supervisor Lee Thelen

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Clerk Ramona Smith

