

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Monday August 22nd. 2022 7pm.

* All Board members were in attendance

Call to Order: The Greenbush Township monthly meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thelen with the reciting of the pledge of allegiance

Approval of the Agenda: Supervisor Thelen made a request to add a zoning of PC 24-22 to the agenda under new business. Motion was made by Kindel to add this to the agenda and to approve the agenda as presented.

* Seconded by Smith

* Motion passed

Clinton County Sheriff Report: A monthly report was given to each Board member via-e-mail from the Sheriffs department. Board members looked over report and it seemed that more tickets were being given out with more patrolling being done in our area. It was also discussed that the purchasing of two solar speed signs for Welling Rd. and Maple Rapids Rd.. might be in the future with some funding from the sheriffs department and possibly the County.

CAAS Report:Supervisor Thelen gave report from earlier months meeting . He spoke of the health care for the employee's, also that there will soon be 5 up and running ambulances, the board is quite happy how the finances of this fiscal year is going forth.

Road Commission : Doug Steffen of the RC was in attendance to report that all road projects were on a good time line for our township. The placement of gravel on certain roads is a little behind but plans are looking at the next ten days or so for this to be spread. Also all the chip sealing on most of the roads has been completed. Steffen liked the idea of the solar signs for speed and said he would see if any grants are available through the county. Anything to keep our roads in good shape is a plus for all. The Dewitt road project is almost completed and was a well needed road repair to do!! There are federal grant monies out there which the county is applying for that may help out with the 2023 road projects. A very nice jester was given to the Greenbush Township residents from the RC, they had a company do an aerial picture taken of our Scott Rd to Kinley Rd project and Steffen presented it to the board at the meeting, The Board was most appreciative and said it would not have been possible without the residents support.

Zoning/Solar Panels

Doug Riley& Lorraine Bergman:

Bergman who works for PINEGATE RENEWABLES was in attendance to inform the board and the residents that their company Sunbeilievable Solar has been approached by one of our Greenbush residents to place a solar farm on some of their acreage. Bergman went on to explain where this was to take place and how solar farms would be adapted to this area. She also gave many examples of what solar farms do for your area and the benefits of electricity given back and financial

benefits to the Township. There has been no formal application sent forth to zoning yet and that was why Doug Riley was in attendance to answer any questions. At this time resident Kevin Kirk read a letter from himself and his wife that stated they were the residents that were interested in placing a solar farm on some of there acreage. Kirk also presented a map to board members of where this solar farm would be placed. The Board proceeded to look at the maps and have a small discussion as a board .Then the board asked the public to way in on any questions, concerns and to try to keep it to a three minute question and comment. Most of the concerns that of where it was going to be placed . Example concerns and questions as follows :

- * What will this do to the value of the surrounding property ?
- * Would there be any other acreage to consider putting the solar farm on?
- *How would the property be maintained?
- * What are the numbers for electricity going back into the two different electric company's that are in Greenbush Township ?
- * Is this an American made product?
- * And is this really that beneficial to the Township financially ?
- * How will you control the damage to the roads? If constructive proceeds?

Board member Kindel after looking at the map suggested that maybe placing the solar farm to another location on the farm would be a better fit for the surrounding residents. Kirk said that would be a possibility. Bergman believed that 252 ti-county residents would benefit and 750 consumer power residents would benefit, but these were not set in stone. Doug Riley assured residents that this is just in phase one and that a lot more discussion and paper work will have to go forth. Supervisor Thelen thanked the residents for there concerns,comments and questions. This presentation is something the board has not encountered and a lot of care and concern will be taken in behalf of the residents. Mr. Kirk, Mr. Riley and Lorraine Bergman were also thanked for being open to the residents and the board for a project that concerns us all.

Reading and Approval of Previous Months Minutes: Motion made by Kindel to accept the previous months minutes and to dispense with their reading.

* Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Treasure's Report and Approval of Bill Payments: The Treasure's report was given by Treasurer Roof along with the balance and profit and loss sheets. Roof was very pleased to report that our Township is in good financial standings. The fact that Roof had did some investments with some of our funds is really paying off due to higher paying interest!! Roof asked that checks #14180-14196 plus ACH and EFTPS be approved for payment. A motion was made by Kindel to pay the Bills presented and to accept the Treasure's report as given.

* Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Correspondence: Supervisor Thelen was informed of brush spraying that will take place near the Ferden drain. At a previous meeting the board was asked if a stop sign could be placed at the Emerald golf course on Maple Rapids Rd. Clerk Smith reported that they are not liable for stoppage at their site due to it being private business . Still concerns on the up keep of Union Home Cemetery

Public Comment (on anything other than agenda items) : Still concerns of truck routes and speed of trucks on certain roads in our Township.

County Commissioner Report-Kan Washburn: Washburn thanked the Board for their support in the writing of a letter to the Commissioner's for the on going work towards Broad Ban for our county. Washburn also reported that a new roof on one of the barns at the 4-H grounds did not get completed and hope s that it will get down before next years fair. Also the spill on US-27 did not go well as far as the clean up . The commissioner's plan to set up meetings to get this clarified if at all this happens again. Bruce DeLong will be one of our district Reps to attend meetings after the first of the year. Adam Smiddy is the representative from Guildhouse that is working with the County on the Broad Band project, he has written Resolution verbiage and Washburn suggest that you go through Mr. Smiddy for any advice.

Assessor Report-Beth Botke: Botke gave some interesting financial facts during the solar farm presentation and said at no time was this is her personal view but that of facts that she recessives thru her work and the up dates she gets thru the state legislators. Botke also presented the Board with the numbers on the L-4029 that needs to be approved by the Board and signed and taken to the County Clerk for the Statement of monies projected to the Township.

OLD BUSINESS

* **Road Report-** The road work to rebuild between Hyde Rd.and Maples Rapids Rd.is on schedule and to be completed soon . Marshall and Sevy Rd's are on target to be re-graveled. Again the Board is pleased how the Townships money is being spent on our roads. Supervisor Thelen made a motion that the third passage of chloride that we did not use and to take those funds'and put forth for more gravel on Township roads *Seconded by Graham

* motion passed

* **Election Report;** Clerk Smith reported that a total of 573 voters were tallied in the August 2022 Primary. And that 350 of them consisted of AV ballots. Clerk Smith thanked all her workers for a job well done.We hope for a better turn out in November.

New Business:

***L-4029-** Motion was made by Kindel to accept the L-4029 and to have the Supervisor and Clerk to sign it.

* Seconded by Roof

* Motion passed

* **Zoning Request:** PC-25-22 Searles and PC -24-22 Motz Discussion was done between the board member's and both zoning applications were to be sent back to zoning with acceptance from the board. Clerk Smith will take care of this.

Additional Public comment: None

Meeting Adjournment: Motion was made by Kindel to adjourn the meeting.

*Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm

Next Meeting : September 26th 2022 ,7pm

Supervisor Lee Thelen

Clerk Ramona Smith