

Greenbush Township Minutes

November 6th, 2017

The regular meeting of Greenbush Township was called to order by Supervisor Lee Thelen at 7:00 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The members present were Supervisor Thelen, Clerk Smith, and Treasurer Roof, Trustees Graham and Kindel.

Motion was made Kindel seconded by Graham to adopt the agenda as it was presented.

Sheriff Report – He stated car deer crashes are up. He discussed progress of the clear vision signs and violations. Sgt. Crawford will be the one in charge of the program to implement the placing of the clear vision signs. He will have the help of two other deputies. Sgt. Thompson discussed various areas that are in violations. Sgt Thompson also, stated once a vehicle is ticketed the owner has 48 hours to remove it, or there will be further violations cited and penalties will ensue.

CAAS – Lynn Weber was not present. Supervisor Thelen gave a report for Lynn, since he is on the CAAS board. The crew has been in training for wilderness rescue. This training has gone well, the crew feels they have learned a lot of what didn't and did work.

The rescue truck has been doing well, even helping out in other townships. Resident Ron Matson wanted to give acclaim to our first responders' actions and professional manners, in a situation he was recently involved in. The community paramedic program is still progressing and doing well.

The board passed a resolution that CAASA is able to borrow money to refurbish an ambulance. Supervisor Thelen explained that there is a new state law, that all entities that are serviced and contributes to CAASA, must vote the approval for CAASA to enter an agreement to borrow money.

A roll call vote was taken to adopt the resolution for CAASA to enter into an agreement to finance the refurbishing of an ambulance. Motion was made by Kindel seconded by Graham to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote was taken Roof, Kindel, Graham, Smith, Thelen all yea Nay none. Resolution passed.

Road Commission Report – Kindel reported it was too wet to do any more gravel this year. Supervisor Thelen stated that next we will be spending more on the road pending no major setbacks. There was also further discussion on the upkeep of the roads.

Reading and approval of the minutes – Treasurer Roof wanted clarification of the sentence – “Kevin Kirk talked about sleeve and dams on Colony Rd., the dams need to be removed.” Trustee Graham explained to Treasurer Roof that the “dams” were from the dirt residue left when putting in the sleeve.

Motion to accept minutes as presented by Graham seconded Kindel. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report - Roof presented the treasurer’s report. Motion made by Kindel seconded by Graham to accept the report as presented by Treasurer Roof. Motion carried. Motion made by Kindel seconded by Graham to pay checks 13302 thru 13322. Motion carried.

Correspondence - Stevens drain and the Elison – Young drain there will be work on these you might see some additional assessment on your taxes for this, if your property uses these drains. Update from zoning on various zoning issues in the township concerning personal property.

Public Comment – None

Commissioner’s Report – Kam Washburn was absent.

Assessors Report - Beth Botke reported on Beck and Fisher Investments LLC, State Tax Commission Case and the Michigan Tax Tribunal Petition. She reported the CPI has been issued at 2.1% November 1, 2017 Principle Residence Exemption (pre) dead line is over. She will turn over a balance roll over to Denise Roof Greenbush Treasurer to prepare the 2017 Winter Tax Roll.

Old Business Trustee Kindel has found that TSC has fencing for approximately \$1500. It will be white vinyl as they use for horses. Motion to erect the fence by Kindel seconded by Graham motion carried.

Update on Quick Books Payroll has been installed with invoice to follow.

A snowplowing bid was submitted by Smith Landscaping and accepted by the board Motion by Roof seconded by Kindel to accept Smith Landscaping bid motion carried.

Update on Fire Hall concern on drain field and past disposal of toxic waste per bank once this is addressed then the closing should proceed. Hopefully this will happen by Thanksgiving.

New Business – Insurance payment discussion for fire hall, hopefully the hall will be sold before the payment is due in November.

Drive way discussion pertaining to set up design and number of spaces, also Supervisor Thelen presented a drawing of proposed site plan. This will not happen until spring due to the weather

and time year. Bill Thelen asked if there would be additional lighting, Supervisor Thelen stated we were looking at Diod lights or similar lighting.

Discussion was on possible uses for extra land behind hall i.e. as park, playground, or hall expansion, etc. Possibly there would be residents interested in running this program.

Silvers Rd. property – Discussion on how the board would like to proceed with the property disposal. It was decided to table it until more research was done and revisit in December.

Other Business - None

Additional comment – Mr. Schnieder asked if someone could give donation towards property in addition to purchase price.

Motion by Graham seconded by Kindel to adjourn meeting at 8:06 p.m. motioned carried.

Next meeting December 4th, 2017

Supervisor Lee Thelen

Clerk Ramona Smith