

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES
Monday November,28th 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: Motion by Smith to add to the agenda zoning case 13-22 VR Brownfield.

*Seconded by Kindel

* Motion passed

Clinton County Sheriff Report: No representative was present , but clerk Smith had an e-mail monthly report to present to the board. On one of the columns it stated that Greenbush Township had a total of 45 tickets given out in the past month.The Board commented that amount of tickets given out shows how well we are receiving our County Sheriff's protection.

Reading and Approval of the Previous Months Minutes:A motion was made by Kindel to accept the monthly minutes as presented and to dispense with their reading.

* Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Roof which included the profit and loss and balance sheet.In addition checks 14229-14248 ,EFTPS,ACH were asked to be approved for payment. Motion made by Kindel to accept the Treasurer's report as given and to pay the bills as presented.

*Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Clerk Smith asked the Board that if our allocated ARPA funds were needed to be dispersed before the December meeting for the new ambulance, were we still in compliance to have Treasurer Roof write a check? The board members talked about a previous meeting that we had given the OK . No new motion was needed.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment(on anything other than agenda items): Resident Bradley was concerned about a question she had tried to ask at last months meeting. Supervisor Thelen stated that the question was to personal and should not be addressed. Resident Bradley was not pleased with his response.

Commissioner Report-Kam Washburn : Washburn reported that the task force to look into Broadband will be starting up again with meetings after the first of the year.The County Administrator Mr. Longnecker will be retiring at the end of January and Washburn said he has done excellent work for the County during his time in office.Being that this is the last meeting with Commissioner Washburn(due to his retirement) ,he wanted to commend the Greenbush Board on their accomplishments

since they have been in office . The Board again wished him well and thanked him for all his time and effort as a commissioner.

Assessor Report-Beth Botke: Botke reported that the tax commission has set the CPI at a 5% increase. New construction is still making good head way in Greenbush Township . BOR is December 13th,2022 and will be held at the Greenbush Hall at 10:30 am. Botke also commented on how well it was working to have joint BOR with Essex Township.

Old Business: * ARPA distribution

Clerk Smith asked Chief Whitford to explain the fund raising program that the St .Johns Fire Department is involved in. Chief Whitford told about a mechanism that is called Operation Extrication. This would help with extraction at the time of an accident and also this machine is battery operated.Their goal is to raise \$50,000.00. Clerk Smith asked the board if they thought that our ARPA money distribution would be a good contribution. The discussion by the board proceeded and they came to conclusion of a \$10,000.00 contribution.

*Motion by Kindel to allocate the \$10,000.00(from ARPA funds) for this fund raiser. With the invoice stating as follows-Capital Expenditure of Service

* Second by Graham

Motion passed with a roll call vote.

*Winn Telecom-

* Motion by Smith to bring item off the table

from 10-24-22

*Second by Kindel

* Motion passed

It was found out by Supervisor Thelen that this is a renewal for easement fiber from St. Johns Schools to Eureka School.

*Motion by Kindel to have Clerk Smith and Supervisor Thelen sign the contract and to accept the \$500.00 check from the Winn Telecom for the application.

*Second by Roof

* Motion passed

New Business:

*Election report

*Clerk Smith reported everything went very smoothly with 1805 registered voters 1221 votes were cast and that included the 476 AV voters. And also kudos to her Election workers. It's a long day and they did a great job!!!!

*Clinton County Township officers Association : No members of our Township could attend. But Mr. Washburn said it was well attended and a informative meeting.

*Zoning case ZC-13-2VR : looks to be in compliance with the county and non invasive to our Township Clerk Smith will report to zoning to go forth with application.

*Zoning Case PC-33-22-SLU Special Land Permit Application: It was noted in the agenda that residents would have a 3 minute time line to express their views, concerns, and questions on the zoning application presented. *The proposed area of concern is facing residents homes and property on East Colony Rd. in Greenbush Township. The Land in concern is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kirk and another parcel by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Whitlock. These minutes will be as descriptive as possible to have on record the residents response to the zoning application. Such as what will be the effect of land usage do to the size of the panels, what will be the revenue to the Township from the Solar panel company or will it hinder new construction in our Township. The proposed land is designated as A2 Agriculture and many residents felt this was not taken into consideration by local zoning and by SunBelievable developers. Another concern was not so much about solar development as a whole but whose backyard it was going to effect. It was in agreement by many that there is a better place to have these panels built. Example, zoned commercial land, parking lots and even roof tops. Many questions to the developers (who were present) were about the maintenance and up keep of the property once the panels are in place. Would landscaping and mowing be kept up? It was said to the board that Clinton County has a motto of 'Come Live With Us In Clinton County' a motto that the resident believes would be defeated by the placement of these Solar Panels. Another resident spoke of the placement of the panels in Bingham Township and the area is not being taken care of also that the Zoning of that property was not properly zoned for solar panels as it was agricultural property also. Much of the discussion and questions were properly answered by Doug Riley of Clinton County Zoning who was present at the meeting. Board member Kindel reminded the residents that their concerns would have to be a group effort at the December 8th 2022 zoning meeting at the Clinton County Court House where the application will be reviewed by the Zoning Board. It was then asked by many residents to the Greenbush Township Board members if they would support the residents with a response back to Clinton County Zoning that the Special Land Permit Application does not go forth to accept. The Board reviewed and discussed the proceedings that had just occurred. The Board proceeded to tell the residents that they will respond to the Clinton County Zoning that they are in support of the residents that this application does not go forth with a yes vote. Supervisor Thelen thanked each and everyone that had attended the meeting and was very pleased how residents conducted themselves and that all views had been in importance to our Township. Whether a person was for or against this application the Township Board was impressed how the residents were concerned for their fellow neighbors and had really done their homework on this situation. Clerk Smith was to respond to zoning with the response being that this application should strongly be denied

Additional Public Comment: None

Meeting Adjournment: Motion made by Smith to adjourn meeting.
*Seconded by Graham
* Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 10:41 pm

Next Meeting December 19th, 2022 7:00pm

Supervisor, Lee Thelen

Clerk, Ramona Smith