

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Monday December 19th , 2022

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

Members Present : Thelen, Smith, Roof, Graham, and Kindel

Approval of Agenda : Motion by Kindel to accept the agenda as presented.

* Seconded by Smith

* Motion passes

Clinton County Sheriff Report: An E-mailed monthly report was presented by Clerk Smith and it was reviewed by the Board. The 38 tickets reported that had been given out in the previous month gave a great impact on how our Township is being well protected .

CAAS: Government funds plus other monies from ARPA etc.... gave financial support so there is no debt on the new Ambulance.The CAASA financial position is in great shape at this time. The new FY budget will be presented to the Townships in the next month.

Reading and Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: Reported by Clerk Smith she felt that the minutes she would have presented were not to her satisfaction .Smith said it was due to such a lengthy meeting in November and that corrections were done to the minutes before the December meeting.Kindel made the motion to table the minutes until the January 2023 meeting and be presented to the Board.

* Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Given by Treasurer Roof , which included the profit/ loss and the balance sheet. Asked to be approved was the following checks 14250-14264 along with ACH and EFTPS. Motion made by Smith to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills presented.

* Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Correspondence: Christmas cards were received from Smith Lawnscape and Roof also presented one to the Board from a resident. The Board signed a retirement card for County Treasurer Tina Ward.

Public Comment: Paul Zelenak introduced himself as the new owner of the Greenbush Township Church.The church is located on the corner of Scott Rd.and Marshall Rd. in Greenbush Township. He wanted to let the residents know that his plan is to take up residency in a couple of years. He will keep the Church in It's original state with repairs as needed to make it livable .He also asked that if there was any historical pictures or information he would be interested in obtaining them. As of now he is only in the process of selling the pews. The Board thanked him for his purchase, being that the church has meant so much to many of our residents.

Assessor Report- Beth Botke : The BOR was very much in the forefront of Botke's report. There is a lot to prepare for the next sessions. Botke presented to the Board the Inter Local Agreement between Greenbush/Essex BOR. for example newspaper articles and anything else necessary for expenses will be split between the two Townships. A motion was made by Roof to accept this agreement

*Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Resolution Adopting Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions to be implemented by the BOR NO.2022-001 was also presented to the Board for a vote . Roof presented the motion to adopt the Guidelines.

* Seconded by Graham

* Roll call vote was called by clerk Smith

* All ayes/ Motion passed

Botke also needed to address the appointment of Greenbush Township's two representatives for BOR. She asked that Pete Apostol and Dave Boots be reinstated. This would be a two year reinstatement. Roof made the motion to reinstate these two gentlemen to the BOR for two years.

* Second by Graham

*Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS

* Road Report: 2022-2023 FY Road projects are wrapped up. The Greenbush Township Board is looking forward to the new FY for budgeting new road improvements

*Zoning: The next meeting concerning the tabling of the Solar Farm Application is February 9th, 2023. Trustee Kindel reported that he was told by Mr. Riley that if you spoke at the previous meeting and if you had nothing new to report at the February meeting you would not be allowed to speak. This did not set well with the residents because they felt they should be able to rebuttal the findings by the zoning board.

NEW BUSINESS

*Fire Department: Solar farm impact on Township - Chief Whitford was in attendance to explain the nature of hazardous waste from the panel if there was to be a fire. He has another Chief that he would like to get in contact with for more details but the chief was out of town. Whitford will report back at a future meeting.

*Fire Run Rates: There could be no determination at this time if there would be a rate increase to the Township should a fire occur to a solar panel.

* Greenbush Township Zoning: There has been concern from many residents since we have had the Solar Farm situation that it might be in good regards to have our own Township zoning. Discussion on the cost and the size of our Township that if we could afford it. Resident Kellogg ask the board if they would mind if she got a representative to come and speak at one of the meetings about Township Zoning Boards. It was in agreement that it would be interesting to hear about.

Additional Public Comment: None

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

* Seconded by Roof

* Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM

Next Meeting January 23rd.2023 7pm

Lee Thelen Supervisor

Ramona Smith Clerk