

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Monday February 24, 2025 7pm

The monthly meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thelen. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Approval of Agenda: Clerk Smith asked that Budget meeting minutes be added to the monthly minutes and the approval of new FY monthly meeting dates be added to old business for approval. Also A Road Report in old business * Motion to approve the Agenda with added amendments was made by Kindel *Seconded by Roof * Motion passed

Clinton County Sheriff Report: VIA email the monthly report was presented by Clerk Smith. We are still being well protected by numerous tickets given out. It was also reported that under the leadership of Sheriff Dush three more Deputies have been hired for our County.

Special Guest : Sgt. Scott Hamilton Sgt. Hamilton is a member of the Bath Township Sheriff Department, he is also Commander and Chief of Clinton County S.W.A.T. Team. The Greenbush Township Board asked him to come speak and enlighten residents on the importance of the S.W.A.T. Team. How they navigate their team work but more important is how they are funded. Sgt. Hamilton gave numerous accounts of activities that they have encountered and how they handle certain situations. This team is not locally funded or State funded .Some of the examples that Sgt Hamilton gave were the cost of their equipment , training and protective vest. The S.W.A.T. Team puts on a yearly local golf outing that is their biggest fundraiser. Many residents were concerned that there wasn't more funding for them due to all the information he provided on the protection the Team provides and of the situations that need to be handled. It was very interesting to hear about the use of drones but then again there is a substantial cost of \$3000.00. Various grants have been recieved and used for a Armored vehicle in which the Team was very grateful to get. In closing Sgt. Hamilton Thanked Greenbush for their time and interest in the S.W.A.T. Team .(The Greenbush Township Board had already budgeted \$500.00 for the S.W.A.T team at the budget meeting so a *Motion was made by Kindel to raise the amount to \$2,500.00 for FY 2025-2026 *Seconded by Graham *Motion passed.)

CAAS Report: Supervisor Thelen reported that they have hired an Attorney to write various articles for the Ambulance Authority such as bylaw etc. The new Assistant director is working out very well and a fifth Ambulance will be

in working order shortly. The repercussion of payment for each run seems to result in loss from month to month. This is being looked into. CAAS will be working off their new FY budget April 1st. 2025

Reading of Budget meeting and previous Months Minutes: Clerk Smith read the Budget meeting minutes of February 22nd. 2025. * Motion by Roof to accept the Budget meeting minute also to accept the January minutes and to dispense with their reading. *Seconded by Kindel *Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: * Motion was made by Smith to accept the report as given by Treasurer Roof and to pay bills with check numbers 14685-14697 along with EFTPS and ACH. *Seconded by Graham * Motion passed. Roof also reported that budget amendments for the 2024-2025 FY will be ready at next month's meeting when the new 2025-2026 FY will be accepted.

Correspondence: A formality letter was recieved about drilling that would include Essex and Greenbush. Clerk Smith corresponded with MTA about funds being used to support our local 4-H, it is called Lawful- Expenditures that says you can not use Townships monies for something that does not support all citizens. The Township Board wishes the County would come through with more support to our local 4-H. An annual Fire report has been recieved from the St. Johns Fire Department and copies were given to each Board member and residents. Supervisor Thelen gave a report that the Meeting with the St. Johns Fire Department concluded that the cost for their service will go up to \$60,000.00 per year the Board asks Thelen that we should receive a contract before the next quarterly payments occur. Clerk Smith is also going to check and see if any fire run billing can be sent on toAccu Med then forward CE since we have a lot of down electrical poles.

Public Comment(on anything other than agenda items): Resident Graham wanted neighbors to be aware that there is a company out of New York that is making contact with local farmers for solar farm lease. Also Board of Commissioners meetings are still very important to attend so we stay informed and committed to all the changes that are taking place. Resident Owen is also keeping very good track of desisions that our County Planning and Zoning are involved in along with the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners Report- Nicole Fickes: Absent

Assessors Report- Beth Botke: BOR is all set to begin on 3/13/25 and 3/14/25. It will be a combination of Essex and Greenbush Townships. Botke attended a Greater Lansing Realtors convention with over 168 Realtors , Botke

said it was very informative on the way taxes occur when buying or selling a house.

OLD BUSINESS:

* **Road Report:** The Greenbush Township Board has been looking over a couple of road projects that have been completed and feel that they have not been completed to the standards that we wanted them to be, the Board will be in contact with the Road Commission . These roads are Hyde and Scott.

* **Salary Resolutions:** Roughly an additional \$500.00 will be budgeted towards each Board member. An Individual roll call was taken on each salary resolution along with the Assessors new salary. These amounts will take effect with the new 2025-2026 FY budget in April.

* **FY 2025-2026 Meeting Dates:** Finalization on meeting dates were discussed. Treasure Roof asked that the November date be changed to the 14th of the month. *Motion by Kindel to approve meeting dates for FY 2025-2026 with the change of November date. * Seconded by Graham * Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

***Assessors Contract:** Assessors contract was brought forth to the Board for approval.*Motion by Kindel to accept the new contract *Seconded by Graham * Roll Call was taken 5 Ayes 0 Nays *Motion passed.

Additional Public Comment: Bingham Township resident Jesse Smith was concerned that Greenbush Township was promoting and funding a bike trail on DeWitt Road in their Township once it gets resurfaced this year. This will be a truck route and the safety of a pedestrian riding a bike on this road doesn't make sense. Also there are many residents living along DeWitt Rd. that are not in favor of a bike trail from M-21 to Motz park. Supervisor Thelen said that there are no definite plans on this situation. * Once again there will be free Clinton Transit bus rides to the May 6th Election. * Clerk Smith gave a reminder that there would be a School Bond Election on May 6th,2025. This Election will only be held at various Townships and that there will NOT be EARLY VOTING .

*Motion was made by Kindel to adjourn the meeting.*Seconded by Graham *Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next Meeting March 24th.2025 7pm

Supervisor Lee Thelen

Clerk Ramona Smith
