

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES
Monday March 25th,2024
Board members in attendance
Thelen, Smith, Roof, Kindel,and Graham

Call to Order: Supervisor Thelen called the Meeting to order at 7pm with the recieting of the Pledge of Allegence.

Approval of the Agenda: Roof made a motion that in New Business under Road Milage that the wording be changed from Approval to Discussion. And that the rest of the Agenda be approved for the meeting.

*Seconded by Smith

* Motion passed

Clinton County Sheriff Report: Sheriff Wetzel was in attendance and gave many County updates. He was very proud of showing off the new uniforms that they had received and related how the cost of the old ones had gone up in comparison to the new color of pants and shirt, which the deputies prefer, the County had found a new company to save some money with the purchase of these uniforms .Body cams are in full usage in the County now. He also reported on three new officers being hired also Sgt. Casaline who was involved in an accident, is doing well. Residents were concerned about the gate being open on Colony Rd.and US 27. Sgt. Wetzel thanked the residents for their concern and that he would look into this matter. Another concerned resident asked about the thefts of converters and cars lately. Again Officer Wetzel said that the county is aware of these incidents and are always trying to put a stop to such situations.

CAAS Report: Supervisor Thelen reported that the monthly meeting entailed the Election of new Board members. The Board is very pleased how the Ambulace Authority is being run and that they are well stafed to take care of this community. All ambulances are in good working condition. Applications are still being taken for a new director. Director Weber hopes to retire , he would like to get a replacement soon so training could take place. The Community Paramedic program is still on hold.

Reading and Approval of Prior Months Minutes: Clerk Smith presented the prior months minutes and also presented the February Budget meeting minutes. Kindel made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with the clarifacation in the budget meeting minutes that the pay scale should be 6% not 6.4% for the Board members.

*Seconded by Graham

*Motion passed

Treasurer's Report & Approval of Bill Payments: Roof gave the report by asking that the Balance sheet along with the Profit and Loss report be approved, with the payments of checks 14489-14518, ACH and EFTPS to be also approved. Motion by Smith accept the report and to pay said checks. *Seconded by Kindel *Motion passed. Clerk Smith reminded the Board that there will be reimbursements coming forth from the State and the St. Johns School District for the Election workers for EV and the special Election in May. Roof proceeded to ask for a motion to pay bills to end out the Fical year 2023-2024 that may come in before the next meeting. * Motion made by Graham * Seconded by Smith * Motion passed

Correspondence: Thank-you note from Assessor Botke from the passing of her Father-in Law.

Public Comment (on anything else than agenda items). Is Broadban ever going to be a possibility for Greenbush Township?It is still a possibility but many procedures are still forth coming. Grants, a selection period,ect.... A resident had concerns on the fact that there was so much trash, cars ect... in peoples yards and in their fields that it was becomingan eyesoar. Supervisor Thelen commented that Zoning is a good place to start but the other fact is to maybe just be a good neighbor and have a talk with them about their trash. Two other Residents commented on the upcoming St. Johns School bond propsal in May. To be involved, and to find out the facts is very important in this May 7th Election. Represenitive of the SJ. School Board Scott Darragh said to think of this bond propsal as an Investment in the Education of our Children.

County Commissioner Report: Commissioner DeLong was in attendence. There will be a very impotant meeting tomorrow March 26th 9am at the County Court House for the Board of Commissioners to vote on the Green Energy recommendations for the applications for wind and solar in Clinton County. DeLong highly recommended that the residents attend this meeting and still voice there opinion as this is going to be a very important vote. DeLong answered many questions of the Board and residents appreciated his openness on various topics.

Assessor Report: Botke said BOR had 7 petitions all were adressed by the Board. Botke also reported that in May she will start measuring property.

OLD BUSINESS

* Road Report: Thelen, Kindel and Graham meet with the CCRC on various road projects for the FY 2024-2025 . They reported back that the cost share for road projects went up,which is a plus for the Township and that the ratings were up on our roads. The cost of chloride has risen this year so the Board will be dicussing the third application.

***NOTE: The contract for Chloride needed to be signed at this meeting so the RC can get the Chloride ordered for our Township before the regular road contracts are**

brought to the board for approval. Motion by Graham to sign the Chloride contracts with the option of the third passage. * Seconded by Thelen* Roll call vote 5 Ayes 0 naves- motion passed

*Green Energy Update: Supervisor Thelen said it would be beneficial for our residents to attend the May 26th, 2024 City Commissioner’s meeting. The Township committee has handed in all there recommendations for Solar and Wind applications. So a yes vote to accept their recommendations would be very beneficial to Clinton County.

*February Election: Clerk Smith reported that the Election process went very well. There were 14 residents that voted in the new EV. And over 500 were tabulated at the Township Hall. A reminder that there is NO EV for the May School Bond proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

* Road Milage Discussion for the August 2024 Election. The Board proceeded with discussion . Graham suggested that maybe we should ask for just a half of mil being we don’t know the outcome of the school bond proposal and that maybe the thought of more taxes to our residents would not go over well. More discussion by the Board with positive and negative points. A proposal for extending our Road Milage for 1 mil for 4 more years was made by Smith. * Seconded by Graham Roll call vote was taken.*5 Ayes 0 Naves. * Proposal passed. Resolution and Ballot wording will be presented at the next Township meeting.

*Approval of New Budget / Salary Resolutions for FY 2024-2025
Motion by Thelen to accept the 2024-2025FY Budget * Seconded by Kindel *Roll call vote. 5 Ayes 0 Naves *Motion passed. Salary Resolutions-Thelen made the motion that the resolution were in accordance with the 6% pay raise. *Seconded By Kindel. Roll call vote was taken on each individual Salary Resolution in which the Board member would abstain when their resolution was being voted on.* All resolutions passed.

Additional Public Comment: Residents came forth again with the importance of the meeting tomorrow May 26th at the Clinton County Court House.

Adjournment:Motion was made by Thelen to adjourn the meeting. *Seconded by Smith *Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 pm

Next Meeting April 22,2024 pm

Supervisor Lee Thelen

Clerk Ramona Smith