

## GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTE

Monday, April 26 2021

All Board members were in attendance

**Call to Order:** The Township meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thelen at 7pm., with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made by Smith to add the following to the agenda and to accept the agenda with the additions of \* Doug Riley from zoning on new business \* special land permit PC-15-21 SLV also to be added to new business.

- Seconded by Kindel
- Motion passed
- Agenda approved

**Clinton County Sheriff Report:** A monthly report was presented to the board and comment was given by Supervisor Thelen that a fire truck from Eaton Rapids had burned on US-127 that caused some traffic tie ups and that the sheriffs have been seen out lately watching the speed limits. Also, there is a lot of road construction going on for the sheriff to help control the traffic.

**Eureka Cemetery Lease and Deed Agreements:** Representatives Bill Dershem and Leona Thayer from the Eureka Burial Grounds Association presented to the Greenbush Township Board a deed agreement that would give the ownership to the Township of the south side only of the cemetery (which there is a north side also). This would provide the Cemetery to be able to forgo some of the state guidelines from them being over a 10-acre cemetery. Dershem and Thayer also presented the Township board with a lease agreement that would enable the cemetery to proceed with the up keep of the said deed. Discussion by board members and all questions were well answered by the Cemetery representatives. Motion was then made by Roof that the Greenbush Township Board should accept the deed and lease presented by Dershem and Thayer from the Eureka Cemetery.

- Seconded by Kindel

Roll call vote was taken: Graham-yes Kindel-yes Roof-yes Thelen-yes Smith- abstained

- Motion approved

Signing of all agreements went forth with a Notary Public present.

**CAAS REPORT:** Things are starting to move forward on a positive note with Covid-19. The new ambulance is in good use with only a couple of payments which is a positive for CAAS. It has been quite a difficult year with all the setbacks from Covid-19 but they are keeping a positive outlook on the months ahead with always updating equipment and programs for our residents.

**Reading and Approval of Previous Months Minutes:** Motion was made by Kindel to accept the previous months minutes and to dispense with their reading.

- Second by Graham

- Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bill Payments:** Treasurer Roof gave report with the profit/loss and balance sheet. Roof asked that checks 13952-13955, EFTPS and ACH be approved to be paid and to accept the report as given. Motion by Kindel to accept the report as given and to pay the bill as they were presented.

- Seconded by Graham

- Motion approved

**Correspondence:** Notice was given By Tri-County Electric that they would be in our area continuing to put in fiber optic cable which will enable their customers to receive better internet service if so chosen. This is only for Tri-County customers but there is a program that is being promoted to Consumer Energy customers that would bundle a package with surrounding neighbors. Please contact Tri-County for more info.

**Public Comment (on anything other than agenda items):** None

**County Commissioner Report-Kam Washburn:** An e-mail report was given by Smith from Washburn it stated that the county had not been given concrete guidance on the use of the ARP monies, it will be in the amount of approximately \$15.4M over a two-year period. As always Washburn is available for questions and concerns.

**Assessor Report – Beth Botke:** She was absent but Clerk Smith reported that she was very instrumental in the development of the Lease/Deed Agreement between Eureka Cemetery and Greenbush Township. The Township Board was in agreement of her dedication to the project.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Road Report** - Supervisor Thelen/Trustee Kindel/Trustee Graham reported, that MDOT is almost completed with the first turnarounds and they will start on Hyde RD and Maple Rapids RD. by the end of the month. It was also reported that turnarounds will be completed thru Gratiot County to the Ithaca exit. This may cause some inconvenience but will help with the safety. Gravel is being hauled out of Searles' Williams RD pit by the County for the construction work on Scott RD between Colony and Kinley RDS. Williams RD residents were concerned why the county trucks were going by so often, causing a great deal of dust. There is still controversy on the large tractor trailers damaging the roads. The County Prosecutor will be investigating various roads in our Township and they could be charged with Willful Destruction of County Property. The Scott/Colony Road Paving project is on target, and the closure of Colony Rd. is scheduled for late summer.

Supervisor Thelen has gotten complaints concerning the truck traffic going thru Eureka, with excessive speeds and concerns for walker's safety. He was made aware of a grant that would make available funds for sidewalk construction, this would be in conjunction with the local School District and Township.

The Road Milage money is in good shape to complete our four-year plan.

**Bring off Table (2020-2021) Budget Amendments** Motion by Smith to bring amendments of the table

-Seconded by Kindel

-Motion approved

A motion followed Treasure's report of the amendments by Graham

-Seconded by Kindel

-Motion approved with a roll call vote: Graham, Kindel, Thelen, Smith, and Roof

All ayes.

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

**Zoning case PC-15-21-SLV** - Representatives were in attendance to give a brief description of their request. Brief discussion by the board and residents in attendance and was determined that the case would not be met with any resistance by the board. Clerk Smith will notify zoning of the board approval.

**Clinton County Officers Association Report** – Supervisor Thelen was in attendance much of the discussion was on the American Rescue Plan and how it could be distributed, the payments will be distributed by half in July 2021 and July 2022. The Association was happy that they could get together for the meeting without so many COVID 19 restrictions.

**Doug Riley Zoning Report** – due to illness was not able attend.

**Hometown General Store Resolution**- Resolution was presented by Clerk Smith that was given to her by the owners. Township Board was in question of what the resolution entailed and they had never been presented with one like that from previous businesses. The Board was in agreement that this is something they did not want to be involved with this type of resolution. Clerk Smith will return resolution to the store's owner.

**Township Road Contracts**- Contracts were received by the board to sign for 2021 road work projects.

Motion by Graham to sign presented contracts. Two additional road contracts have not yet been completed but will be in the future also, he added to the motion that the contracts could be signed by board when they were received.

-Seconded by Kindel

Roll Call vote – Thelen, Kindel, Graham, Roof, and Smith all Ayes.

-Motion Approved

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

Meeting Adjournment – Motion by Graham to adjourn the meeting

- Seconded by Kindel

- Motion Approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next meeting will be May 24, 2021 at 7:00p.m.

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Supervisor Thelen

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Clerk Smith