

Greenbush Township Minutes

Monday January 22nd, 2024 7:00pm

Board members in attendance, Thelen, Smith, Roof, Kindel and Graham

Call to Order: *The monthly meeting of Greenbush Township was called to order by Supervisor Thelen. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.*

Approval of the Agenda: *Supervisor Thelen asked that CAASA Resolution be added to New Business in the Agenda. Motion by Kindel accept the agenda as presented and to add to the new business as stated by S. Thelen*

**Seconded by Smith*

** Motion passed*

7:03pm : *Motion made by Roof for Board to proceed into closed session for discussion.*

** Seconded by Smith*

** Motion passed*

7:15 pm: *Motion made by Kindel to come out of closed session and to proceed with the general meeting.*

**Seconded by Graham*

** Motion passed*

Clinton County Sheriff Report: *Monthly Sheriff report was e-mailed to clerk Smith and presented to the board for review.*

CAAS Report: *The Ambulance authority has been having the discussion with Victor Township on the possibility of picking up their Ambulance runs being that Victor feels that they are not getting proper service from Mercy. The new ambulance should arrive the first part of February and this will give the authority five good running and low milage ambulances. Once again the Township Board agreed that we are very lucky and thankful we have this service for our residents.*

Reading and Approval of Previous Months Minutes: *Motion made by Kindel to accept the previous months minutes with the exception of the*

missed spelling of the word permanent to be corrected and to dispense with their reading.

**Seconded by Graham * Motion passed*

Treasure's Report & Approval of Bill Payments: *Treasure Roof presented the Treasure's report with the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Sheet. Treasurer Roof is asking that the Profit and Loss sheet Balance sheet/ACH and EFTPS along with checks 14439-14466 be approved. Motion was made by Supervisor Thelen to hold the payment of check # 14439 to the CCRC a better explanation of their invoice.*

** Seconded by Smith*

** Motion passed*

Motion by Kindel to accept report as given and to pay bills 14440-14466

**Seconded by Graham*

** Motion passed*

Correspondence: *A thank-you was read by Clerk Smith from Jennie Jorae for the thoughtfulness on the passing of her Mother. Various notification were received from Consumers Power on activities in our Township.*

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

Zoning/Planning: Raphael Kasen: *A very informative explanation of Mr. Kasen's new position at Clinton County's Zoning/Planning was given by himself. He gave an in-depth profile of what his job pertains to and how important it is to communicate with the the residents of Clinton County. Many questions and concerns were asked by attendees of the meeting and a positive feedback of Mr. Kasen was felt by all. The Board commended him on his work and the transparency of his job.*

County Commissioner Report: Val Val-Shiry- Basically the report was a review of dates for up coming zoning meetings and the planning commission meetings. Val reintegrated how important it is to attend these meetings. and to be ready to speak when it is public comment time. It is also very important to get on the County website for dates and times and even to review minutes from previous meetings. All board members phone numbers and their e-mails are also available for questions and /or comments.

Assessor Report: Beth Botke- New BOR dates will soon be published. Sale studies are being done for SEV and taxable values.

OLD BUSINESS

*Road Report: All projects for the 2023-2024FY that were designated have been completed. The CCRC has purchased gravel from Carmuse for the upcoming year at a very reasonable price. This will benefit our Township.

* Green Energy Update: Supervisor Thelen cannot express enough to the residents that there is so much going on of discussion and meetings and how these votes, tabling and moving onto different committees are effecting the outcome of Green Energy. Residents will be kept informed by coming to our Township meetings or the best possible information is to get on the County website and be aware of meeting dates and times. There has also been beneficial information on Facebook. These notices are put on by concerned and dedicated residents.

* 2024 Election: Clerk Smith explained the mandated letter about EV that was sent out to every registered voter and the AV application that was also sent out to certain voters. There was a cost to this mailing ,but Clerk Smith reported that there is a form to send to the state for a portion of it to be reimbursed. Clerk Smith also explained some of the equipment (table, crowd barriers) she borrows and with four elections this year she would like to purchase our own. The Board agreed with discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

* ZONING PC-33-22 SLU EXT.: An extension from Solar company Sun-Believable and/or Wildfire will be going in front of Clinton County Zoning and Planning on February 8th,2024 in connection with permits that they have not filed as of yet and are asking to receive an extension. The Greenbush Township Board did open up discussion from the public at the monthly meeting to hear their concerns to decide how the Township should respond to this request Clerk Smith will respond to Zoning and Planning case PC-33-22 SLU EXT. With strong wording that we as a Township feel the request should be denied!!

* Salary Resolutions: Clerk Smith presented the salary resolutions that will be discussed at the 2024-2025 FY budget meeting.

* February 2024 Calendar dates: It was brought to the Boards attention that there were many conflicts with the scheduling of meetings for that month due to some vacations, the Election and 2024-2025 FY budget meeting. The Board came up with the following schedule, Budget meeting Wednesday February 21st 2024 at 3pm. February monthly meeting to be held the same day at 7pm

* CAAS Resolution: A resolution was presented by Supervisor Thelen from CAASA asking the Board to let Thelen sign the bank loan agreement on behalf of our township(as will all townships) for the purchase of a new Ambulance. Also,"Whereas" included in the Resolution that each entity shall contribute \$15.00 per capita. Clerk Smith questioned this addition and felt it should not have been a Whereas including in the Resolution.* Motion was made by Graham to have Supervisor Thelen sign the agreement.

* Seconded by Kindel

Roll call vote to proceed: All Ayes no Nays * Motion passed

Additional Public Comment : Duplain resident Mrs.Wadell commended the Greenbush Township Board how they conducted their meeting. It was appreciated by the board.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Graham to adjourn the meeting.

* Seconded by Kindel

* Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40pm

Next Meeting will be held February 21st 2024 at 7pm

Supervisor Thelen called the Election Commission meeting to begin at 9:40 pm. Clerk Smith gave the following report.

*The February 27th,2024 Presidential Primary Election will take place at the Greenbush Township Hall 1883 E. French Rd. St. Johns MI. Polls will open at 7am and close at 8pm.There will also be the opportunity for Early Voting from February 17th,2024 until February 25th,2024. Various times

and locations are available on the Township's Website. Our certified election workers are as follows, Debra Hebel(er)(chairman) Rebecca Fike ,Annette Snyder ,Leona Thayer, Jennie Jorae and Brianne Moore. Four of the five with Brianne as alternate, Clerk Smith will also be working Thursday February 22nd at EV.The receiving board for the February 27th Election will be Annette Snyder and Rebecca Fike.

*Motion by Thelen to adjourn the meeting

* Seconded by Graham

*Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

Supervisor, lee Thelen

Clerk, Ramona Smith