

GREENBUSH MINUTES
MONDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2026

Board members in attendance, Supervisor Thelen, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Roof and Trustees Kindel and Graham

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Thelen with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Thelen and Smith both had items to add to the agenda.* In Old Business add: Verifying of the 2026-2027 meeting dates to be voted on. Any discussion on the 2026-2027 FY Budget, Chloride contract be addressed under road report.* New Business, the signing of the Consumers Energy natural gas contract. * A motion was made by Graham to accept the current Agenda with the additional items.* Seconded by Kindel *MP

Reading and Approval of Previous Months Minutes: * Motion by Roof to accept the previous months minutes and to dispense with their reading * Seconded by Kindel *MP

Treasurer's Report & Approval of Bill Payments: Balance and the Profit and Loss Sheets were presented to the Board from Roof. Also included were the ACH and EFTPS payments to be reviewed by the Board. Checks numbered 14888-14900 were also presented to the Board for their approval to be paid. * Motion by Smith to accept the Treasurer's report and to pay said bills. * Seconded by Kindel *MP

Clinton County Sheriff Report: The monthly Sheriff's report was reviewed by the Township Board and there are always copies at the

Township hall available for residents. Once again we are so fortunate to have their services and to have proper protection.

Guest Speaker- Kevin Douglas SJ Fire Chief: Fire Chief Douglas gave a very detailed and interesting yearly report. Our Township is in contract with the SJ Fire Department for their services. The highlight of their service is that Chief Douglas is now a full time employee of the Fire Department. This makes such a difference in the everyday services that the fire fighters can provide. He spoke that he has been employed for one year now and has been able to attend many classes to be recertified in numerous tasks. A total of over 800 hours have been achieved by thirteen Fire fighters that have been to many training classes. Chief is very impressed on how the City of SJ has been so supportive and the surrounding Townships that have their service. The City recently provided them with a new ladder truck, the DNR has also provided them with a brush truck. As far as the trucks they have been completed with AEDs, newer turnout gear and updated computers to keep the communication when a fire occurs. This report is available on line or at the Greenbush Township Hall. The Township is on a three year contract with the SJ Fire Department and our new FY budget is very affordable for the commendable service they provide for each and every one of our residents.

CAASA Report: The financial stability is being pursued by Clinton Area Ambulance. They are most appreciative of the Jurisdictions that they serve and of how they have stepped up and helped with this situation. Many have provided extra monetary funds to help in the paying of bills at the end of their FY. Yes they are struggling but by no means closure is in the future. Their FY 2026-2027 Budget will be run on the assumption that \$17.00 per capita (per resident)will be paid by the Jurisdictions involved. The Assistant Director position is no longer filled and one employee has left ,both for various reasons. The staffing

at CAAA feels confident in their employees and their ability to service this community. Discussion by the Greenbush Board on whether or not we could relieve one of the line item amounts in the current budget to help offset some financial burden to the Ambulance Authority at this time. *Smith made a motion that line item #651-8030 in the current FY budget has \$7000.00 available funds and to relinquish \$3000.00 from budget line 567-926 to make a total of \$10,000.00 to be allocated to the Clinton County Ambulance Authority.* Seconded by Graham. Roll call vote was taken. Kindel, Graham, Roof, Thelen, Smith all AYES , 0 NAYES. MP. * Motion by Smith to have Treasurer Roof disperse the monetary amount ASAP with using check # 14901 for said motion. * Seconded by Kindel MP.

Assessor Report-Beth Botke: Botke reported that assessments have been sent out, and was sure that many had seen that agricultural land had significantly gone up. This was due to a Governmental study that happened this year and she is hoping that it will not occur next year. March BOR is all set for March 11th and 12th. Botke is also reporting continued growth in the Township, with the addition of several homes.

Clinton County Commissioners Report- Nicole Fickes: Please be aware that the installation of broadband is occurring and if you feel something is not being done right PLEASE call the Clinton County Road Commission and complain. They are the ones holding the safety concerns over the companies head. Reported that PL&Z is still in the discussion stages and it's very important to keep coming to the meeting with your concerns for your Township and how you want to see this get resolved. March 12th at 9am will be the next meeting at CCCH. Residents Graham and Owen had some very informative and questions for Fickes, as they are very involved and attend the Commissioners meetings regularly.

Correspondents: A couple of letters were received to the Board, one was from the Clinton area Swat Team in Thanks for the budgeted funds we had given them. They said this would help to buy one protective vest and the other letter was from the Clinton County Sheriff's office on the budgeted funds we sent to them. Also a new pizza menu is out for our Home Town General store in Eureka.

Public Comment: Resident Kellogg presented some pamphlets on upcoming events that will be happening this spring at the District Library in SJ. The 3-D printer will soon be available to the public for a certain charge and the discussion on who can get and use Library cards. For more information please call your local Library.

OLD BUSINESS

***Road Report:** The new FY projects will soon start. Starting with the roads that need to receive new gravel, working with Michigan Paving on the resurfacing of some of the roads and getting chloride application schedule, directly working with the chloride company.

***Salary Resolutions:** Smith presented the 2026-2027 salary resolutions to the board for a vote, *Motion by Graham to accept the salary resolutions and to have them start in the 2026-2027 FY. *Seconded by Kindel, each individual Board member's salary resolution was voted on (with the exemption of their own)* MP.

2026-2027 Meeting Dates: * Motion by Roof to accept and go forth with the meeting dates for the 2026-2027 FY. * Seconded by Kindel MP.

***2026-2027 FY Budget:** Board discussion on line items for the new FY, only one addition was suggested by Thelen to up line item Hall Maintenance \$14,000.00 in the scenario that new windows and some insulation might be needed to the hall. Estimates and bids would be called for.

NEW BUSINESS

SINESS *Fire Billing Resolution: Smith presented a Resolution that it would be the Townships Clerk responsibility to perform the duties of Fire Run Billing.* Motion by Roof to accept the Resolution *Seconded by Kindel *MP

***Assessors Contract:** Botke will present it at the 2026 March meeting.

***Consumers Energy:** *Motion by Graham to have Clerk and Supervisor of the Township sign the Natural Gas Ordinance (Agreement) with Consumers Energy. *Seconded by Kindel *MP.

Additional Public Comment: None

Motion to Adjourn by Kindel Seconded by Graham MP

*Adjournment- 9:15pm

NEXT MEETING: March 23rd. 2026 7pm

Supervisor, Lee Thelen

Clerk, Ramona Smith