

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

January 27th ,2025 7pm

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

The monthly meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thelen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Thelen asked that two items be added to the agenda. Under new business, #1 would be Ambulance Budget and #2 would be St. Johns Fire Department. * Motion by Kindel to add these to the agenda and approve it as presented. * Seconded by Graham, * Motion passed.

Clinton County Sheriff Report: Clerk Smith presented the monthly emailed report. She also gave a quick report that at the Quarterly officers meeting Under Sheriff Mike Gutt spoke of how Clinton County has become a very safe and well protected County. He is very proud and excited to be working in Clinton County along with Sheriff Dush.

CAAS: Progress is being made in the creation of a new hand book for all employees. Eugene Howe has been hired as assistant Director to Director Weber. This will help in the transition whether it is Howe or someone else when Weber retires. Supervisor Thelen reported that the rescue truck Greenbush Township awarded the Ambulance Authority in 2017 is in need of a way to keep it financially in service. It was proposed by the CAAS Board that the Jurisdictions that are using the service of this truck pay a \$55.00 fee for each run made. Discussion by the Township Board was positive. * A motion was made by Kindel to accept this proposal. * Seconded by Graham, Roll call was taken, 5 ayes 0 nays * Motion passed

Reading and Approval of Prior Months Minutes: Motion by Kindel to accept the prior months minutes and to dispense with their reading. * Seconded by Graham Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Roof reported that various accounts are earning some substantial interest at this time. Balance sheet and the Profit and Loss sheet along with EFTPS and ACH are being asked to be approved. Also checks #14669- #14686 are being asked for approval of payment. * Motion by Graham to accept the Treasurer's report and pay said check numbers. * Seconded by Smith * Motion passed.

Correspondence: Non

Public Comment: (On Anything Other Than Agenda Items) Resident Kim Kellogg who is on the District Library Board reported the temporary housing for the Library is now closed. There will be an open house for the newly remodeled Library March 4th, 2025, from 3-6pm, The fact that all this remodeling was done by grants is something the Library Board is very proud of. They hope to see many residents at the open house. Jody Smith spoke of how the book project is ongoing for the Clinton Transit. They are providing donations of books to the busses if a longer ride occurs and to also

help occupy the children.

Clinton County Commission : Nicole Fickes- Residents should be aware that more than likely there will be a bond vote for a new County Jail in 2026. You can get info on the Broadband process on the CC website. Broadband is still an ongoing project but the accomplishment seems to be closer. Fickes said the Commissioners are getting ready to start the new year with new faces and to keep agendas running smoothly in Clinton County.

Assessor Report: Beth Botke- The Veterans exemptions have changed so new applications are needed. BOR has been scheduled and the dates have been posted. Botke presented the Agreement to consolidate with Essex Township for BOR. Roof made a Motion to accept the consolidation Agreement
* Seconded by Smith *Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

***Road Report:** Discussion by the Board of numerous items that could possibly be in the 2025-2026 budget. The CCRC will be scheduling a meeting with our Township for the road improvements that we hope to schedule in the future.

*** Green Energy:** Ongoing situations are still occurring thru the County, so it is still very important to go to the meetings and to stay aware of Government policies that may involve our County and rural areas.

NEW BUSINESS

***Ambulance Authority Budget:** * A motion was made by Roof to sign the Budget agreement for \$15.00 per capita for the FY year starting April 1st 2025 - March 2026 and to make payment by July of 2025. *
Seconded by Kindel * Roll Call vote was taken 5 Ayes - 0 naye *Motion passed.

***2025-2026 Salary Resolutions Presented:** Clerk Smith gave each Board a copy of salary resolutions that will be discussed at the 2025-2026 Budget Meeting.

*** February 22nd 2025 Budget Meeting Time:** Time was set for 10am FY budget meeting. Clerk Smith will put an announcement in the paper

*** Preliminary Meeting dates for FY 2025-2026:**
Board members are to look over dates so they can be finalized at the Budget meeting.

*** St. Johns Fire Department:** Supervisor Thelen has had correspondence recently with the St. Johns City Mgr and it has been brought to our attention that a new Fire Chief is soon to be hired and that our contracted budget could possibly increase to \$60,000.00. The Township Board had a short discussion and have been very pleased with our fire protection and the quality of equipment and knowledge that we are covered with. More information to be recieved.

Additional Public Comment: Supervisor Thelen commented on the possibility

of our Township funding a bike trail along DeWitt Rd. when renovation of that road occurs. This is just a possibility right now, more detailed information is needed.

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

* Adjournment 8:55p.m.

Next Meeting: February 24th 2025

**Lee Thelen, Supervisor
Clerk**

Ramona Smith,
