

March 2, 2015
Greenbush Township Regular Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Greenbush Township Board was held March 2, 2015 at 7:00PM. The meeting was called to order by Township Clerk Bernadette Hayes and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. A moment of silence was observed for the sad and unexpected death of our Supervisor, Jim Jorae.

Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Havens supported and the motion carried.

Eric Thompson of the Clinton County Sheriff Department reported that everything has been very quiet in the County and in our Township. Car/deer accidents are up a little bit. It was noted that 40 tickets were written in January, which is quite an increase for our Township. Eric asked if anyone had any complaints or concerns. No one responded.

The minutes from the last meeting were read. Havens made a motion to approve them as read, Jorae supported, and the motion carried.

Jones made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports as read, Jorae supported, and the motion carried. Havens made a motion to pay orders #1170 thru #1191 with a total transfer of \$13,964.53 and pay the Consumers Energy bills when they come. Hayes supported and it carried.

The balances on February 28, 2015 were:

FirstMerit Checking	\$ 377.57
FirstMerit Savings	\$ 139,155.95
Mercantile MMIA	\$ 13,552.64
Tax MMIA	\$ 2,627.29
Total Funds Available	\$155,713.45

Public Comment: Jean Bradley commented on the placement of line items in the Treasurers Report.

Hayes attended the CAFR Meeting as Trustee Jones was out of town. There were no reports prepared as yet, but it was noted that Kevin Kirk has been appointed the new At Large member and the CAFR meeting dates have been changed to the 3rd Monday of the month. Notices have been posted.

CAAS has no reports prepared from the meeting Hayes attended this month. When they are received they will be reviewed.

Our County Commissioner, Kam Washburn offered sincere condolences from the Commissioners on the passing of Jim Jorae. A new radio tower is being built in the South East section of the county. It is being funded by the 911 surcharge. Improvements are going to be made to the Greenhaven and Peck Hall buildings. Union negotiations with the Sheriff Department and Central Dispatch are going well.

Beth Botke, our Assessor, announced she is ready for the Board of Review, to be held on March 11, 2015 from 9am-3pm and on March 12, 2015 from 3pm-9pm. She has several appointments already. You don't need an appointment to attend, but if you make an appointment she can tell you what information you need to bring with you.

A motion to adopt a resolution that residents and non-residents do not need to physically attend the Board of Review meetings to have their concerns voiced, but may only send a letter, was made by Havens; Jorae supported, and a roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Jorae, Havens, Hayes, Jones

Nay: None

The Resolution was adopted.

The new Temperature Alert System for the Township Hall was purchased and has arrived. It was agreed that all of the Board members contact information be put in the system.

Jones made a motion to amend the 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$ 438.03 from the contingency fund, Havens supported, and the motion carried. The amendments will be to the Liability Insurance account for \$43, Building Maintenance for \$78.30 and Heating for \$316.73.

Havens made a motion to adopt the new 2015-2016 budget, Jones supported and the motion carried.

Hayes made a motion to accept the ASSET TEST where the applicant's house, one licensed car per licensed driver per household, and assets with a total value of not more than 25% of the current Federal Poverty Guidelines are exempted, Havens supported and the motion carried.

Hayes made a motion to appoint Eugene Jones to fill the vacancy of Supervisor for the remainder of the term which will be until November of 2016, Havens supported, the motion carried, with Jones abstaining from the vote.

Hayes made a motion to appoint Ramona Smith to fill the vacancy of Trustee for the remainder of the term which will be until November 2016, Jones supported, the motion carried.

Havens made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM, Jorae supported and the meeting adjourned.

Eugene Jones, Supervisor

Renae Larsen, Deputy Clerk