

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES
Monday March 27,2023 7pm

* All board members were in attendance with the exception of Trustee Kindel.

Call to Order: The Greenbush Township meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thelen with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: With the addition of Budget Amendments to new business and Zoning to old business. Smith made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

* Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed

Clinton County Sheriff : No one in attendance . Monthly report will be presented in April .

CAAS: The monthly meeting was attended by Supervisor Thelen. He reported that the Ambulance authority has another Ambulance on order and they are in good financial shape that a mortgage on the rig will be satisfactory . Some items that need to be purchased in the near future are new heart monitors and various other medical needs. The employees are very appreciative of their benefits and the wages they are receiving. A fee increase has taken place on runs it will be a \$1600.00 charge from the previous \$800.00. The Ambulance authority felt with the cost of living going up that this was a jump they had to make. By no means will anyone be turned down for transportation with this price increase.

County Commissioners Report: Val Vail-Shirey In attendance at the meeting Vail-Shirey reported on the upcoming meeting April 13th 2023 with Clinton County planning and zoning. The purpose of this meeting is that renewable energy will be on the agenda. This will be brought forth for the discussion and proposal to set a one year moratorium on applications for Solar and or wind turbines. There will be board discussion along with public comment. Vail-Shirey strongly encouraged Greenbush residents to attend. Going forth the language and various restriction are a couple of items that need to be addressed when reviewing these applications. Vail-Shirey also commented that a lawyer will also be in attendance to answer any questions and give proper guidance if the one year moratorium passes.

Assessor Report-Beth Botke : Botke reported that the BOR went really well and commented that she had an awesome board to work with. Both Townships (Greenbush,Essex) should appreciate what these members do for the townships. There was 13 petitions 5 disabled veterans exemptions 3 recapping and 5 general concerns. Taxable 2022-,94,141,627.00 2023-103,609,870.00 SEV/Assessed 2022-144,361,380.00 2023-150,344,990.00 All taxes are balanced with the County.

Reading and Approval of Prior Months Minutes: Motion by Graham to accept prior months minutes as presented and to dispense with their reading

* Seconded by Roof * Motion passed

Treasure Report and Payment Approval: The Treasurer's report was given by Treasure Roof which included profit and loss and balance sheet . In addition the payment of checks #14296-14316 ,EFTPS and ACH To be approved. Motion by Graham to approve the Treasure's report as given,and pay the bills as presented

*Seconded by Smith

* Motion passed

Correspondence: Supervisor Thelen was contacted on a county drain in our township that will be worked on. This will be the Bennett Drain. A get well card was presented by Clerk Smith for the LaBar family in our township condolence to Tom and Denise Roof on the loss of their granddaughter , Clerk Smith was also concerned with a fund raiser that was happening for St.Johns District Library so she thought it would be a good idea to invite the director to our next meeting to receive the details. A request was also received by Clinton Transit for their director to attend our next monthly meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

*Road Report: Graham and Kindel attended the annual RC meeting to go over road projects and see what type of financing would be covered by the RC. Road contracts have been sent to the Board but there will be no signing of contracts at this time due to some discrepancy of cost. Board members will be in contact with RC and new contracts will be brought forth at a later date.

*Well update: Clerk Smith reported that a permit would have to be obtained at the Health Department and payment for permit would also have to go forth with the application. Discussion by the Board that the ARPA monies that are still available will go towards the new well but the application fee will come out of our 2023-2024 FY budget.

*Zoning: It has been brought up many times to the Board from the residents that having our own zoning would be a plus for Township. There is so much to take into consideration such as cost, a separate Board to run it and also the addition of insurance cost. The Township Board appreciates the residents concerns and will defiantly keep an open mind on this subject. Supervisor Thelen did comment that zoning's Doug Riley has his hands full at this time and is working on all aspects of people's concerns. * A motion was made by Graham that a response should be sent to zoning to support the one year Moratorium on Solar and Wind Turbine applications that will be taken up at the April 13th zoning meeting . Graham also added that Clerk Smith and Trustee Kindel to respond by saying our Township would strongly agree on the one year Moratorium signing .

*Second by Roof

* Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

*Election /2023-2024 Budget: Clerk Smith reported that due to the passing of proposal 2 and the 9 day early voting processes that more funds need to be allocated in the new FY 2023-2024 budget for election workers. Much discussion was made on where we should shift these funds around to make our budget balance. Treasure Roof presented where these funds would to transferred from and how our new FY budget would balance. All board members were in agreement that the presented option of transfer of budgeted monies would work. Clerk Smith thanked the board and would report on more Election details at a later date.

* Approval of New 2023-2024 FY Budget: A motion was made by Roof to accept the new FY 2023-2024 FY Budget with the additions of Budget amendments

* Seconded by Graham

* Motion passed by a Roll Call vote to all present

Board members,all ayes .

Additional Public Comment: None

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

* Seconded by Roof

* Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm

Next Meeting April 24th,2023 7pm

Supervisor Lee Thelen

Clerk Ramona Smith