

Greenbush Township Minutes

January 11. 2017

Supervisor Lee Thelen gave an introduction to the meeting's proceedings and introduction of the officers. The meeting was then called to order @6:00P.M

All board members were present.

Agenda was approved with the addition of item 5 discussion of tax dispute with Beck's Propane and Marina.

Eric Thompson from the sheriff department gave update: apprehended person responsible for December 1st, break in. The apprehension should also help clear up other break – ins.

Minutes of December 5, 2016, were read with no additions or corrections Minutes of the Special Meeting, on December 20th were read with no additions or corrections. Supervisor Thelen explained the need of the fire department name change back to CAFR-Greenbush would be addressed in the presentation

First Merit Checking	\$	493.62
First Merit Savings		91,344.73
Mercantile MMIA		16,182.63
Tax Collection		<u>2,509.68</u>
	\$	110,530.66

The treasurer's report was read with December's report removed from the table and approved. January's report was read and approved. Denise explained that we were still in the process of redesigning the report. Also that the milage for the Eureka street lights had been received (this is only received at this time of year)

Lee explained that the expenses of the officers were high at this time due to training that all newly elected board members are urged to go to, stamps for tax roll etc.

Public comment please restricts any fire questions until that portion of the meeting.

Pete Apostle- can minutes be passed out instead of read due the length of the minutes which Lee stated that they will get longer as they are our only record of proceedings.

Pam Gove – Could there be an explanation of what the checks were for on the report

CAASA report _ Lynn Weber there is a 10% increase in calls from this date last year – Community paramedic is doing well.

Assessor – Beth stated the Becks Propane LCC wants the reclassification of the new tanks from commercial real to personal property. It is now going to go to circuit court.

Fire: Lou stated:

13 runs total for December

64 runs year to date): as follows

16 fires

15 mutual aids

2 others

New Business

Appoint Supervisor Thelen to be additional signer on checks, if Roof or Smith are out of town and checks have to be signed he may sign them.

Motion by Larry seconded by Kyle carried.

Web site - Smith stated that all had been updated with new names and phone numbers. More updating will still be coming, but all takes time to figure cost and what is most important to have on site. It was \$144.00 per year for host of domain (New Look) \$65.00 an hour to do anything on the website. One possibility to keep New Look for domain, yet hire someone else to do the work. Smith has been talking to other townships to see how they are running theirs.

EPTS will come out of checking without waiting for meetings to approve it for it is automatic with the federal and state governments.

Motion - Have someone talk to lawyer regarding Becks law suit. Kindel motioned to have Supervisor Thelen , Graham seconded. The township does not have a lawyer on a retainer

Fire presentation -Supervisor Thelen gave definition of supervisor's job. Stated that he and rest of board have no opinion as yet they are just gathering and stating facts and figures tonight.

There are no complaints tonight just information, would like to have residents first then out of Greenbush Township attendees speak.

Options

- Run like we are \$103,466.00 for fire
- Make a lot of cuts wages equipment etc
- St. Johns \$40,000 per year does not have MFR but an option is to donate the command vehicle to CAAS and it can be equipped to service public events examples Motz Park, Uncle John's Mint Festival etc freeing up the ambulance from these areas we would also pay \$15,000 per year for two years. At that time re asses it other entities in the CAAS coverage would also benefit from it with no additional cost to them.
- Our own MFR details on full cost not available
- MFR is a good thing but can township afford it.

There were many comments from the residents and non residents. It seems the major concern is cost and what else can be done. When asked if MFR was a major factor. There were less than 25% raising their hands for it.

Milages were brought up, it was pointed out that request had gone to the voters twice in the last four years and it was voted down each time. If we did have a milage for either fire or roads that amount could and would be only used on the predetermined line item. It is illegal to use it otherwise.

One resident wanted it to go to vote again; another stated that it had by voting present board in.

All input though out the meeting was well received and appreciated, both pro and con.

Motion - to adjourn by Graham - seconded by Kindel

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

Lee Thelen, Supervisor

Ramona Smith, Clerk