

# GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Monday May 19, 2025 7pm

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Thelen asked to amend the agenda by adding to New Business two zoning issues. \*Motion by Kindel to do so and to accept the agenda as amended. \* Seconded by Smith \* Motion passed

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

**Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bill Payments :** Treasurer Roof presented the monthly report by starting with the Balance and Profit and Loss Sheets. ACH , EFTPS and checks # 14736-14759 were asked for payment. \*Motion was made by Graham to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to pay said bills.\* Seconded by Kindel. \*Motion passed.

**Marsha Perilloux:** Guest / Non Profit. Marsha presented an application from the State of Michigan that required a signature from the Township Board stating that we approved them having alcohol at a nonprofit advent. This will be held on July 29th , 2025 at Uncle Johns Cider Mill which is located in Greenbush Township. This application has no effect on any Township liability. Marsha explained that this is a fund raiser for the non profit group called HOPE. This group helps to feed people with Chuckie D's meat processing business doing the processing of over 900# of deer meat last year to help out this organization. This was a very informative presentation and the Board hopes that this event will be a success!!\*\*  
\* **Motion** was made by Graham to sign the contract \* Seconded by Roof\* Motion passed.

**Clinton County Sheriff Report:** An email report was presented by Clerk Smith. The report showed that Greenbush and surrounding areas are being very well taken care of. And as usual there were many car / deer accidents.

**CAASA Report:** Clinton area Ambulance service did take on Riley Township due to the fact that their service from Mercy is going to fold . Employment and staffing are considered in satisfactory conditions at this time for CAAS.Community

Paramedic program is now up and running, at a slow pace, but still a much needed program.

**Assessor Report-** Beth Botke: Botke reported that there are three properties in our Township that are zoned Ag and she will be addressing them this week. Greenbush has a Veteran that did not get his paperwork in time for tax exempt, Botke and Supervisor Thelen have been in contact with him and are working on solving this situation.

**Commissioner Report- Nichole Fickes:** Planning and zoning are going through a few employment changes with the resigning of Christina and Tanner will depart for his national Guard duties. A couple of employment prospects are soon to be interviewed. Over an eighteen year period the County will receive a 3.3 million dollar settlement for Opioid drug use for those who are of medical and abusive activity with the use of this drug and other mental issues. At this time the inquiries of a new Jail are on hold, the County Commissioners feel the costs are not feasible at this point in time and that there are possibilities of renovation to the current building.

**Correspondence:** Union Home Cemetery in Greenbush Township is concerned that the curbs in the Cemetery are causing driving hazards and might have to invest in removing them. Eureka Cemetery Memorial Service Monday May 26th at 10am.

**Public Comment:** Jody Smith representative from Clinton Transit and reported that there would be an informative meeting about services that are available in Clinton County and surrounding areas. This will be held at the Community Center at Clinton Transit May 30th 1-4pm.

#### **\*OLD BUSINESS**

\* May 6th Election: Clerk Smith reported that Election day went well. There were 769 voters with that including over 400 AV Ballots. Again Clerk Smith Thanked her Election team that keeps the pre-game and the day running smoothly.

\* Clinton County Road Commission: The entire Greenbush Board brought up discussion between themselves to be transparent to Residents on the situation with CCRC. The May meeting was the intent of what should be handled for the Scott Rd.project. As of this time the RC has sent a letter to Greenbush Township on how they intend to handle this repair of the road. The Greenbush Township Board had approached the RC Board with the cost of \$58,522.05 to be refunded to the Township due to the lack of proper road work. The RC would do so but grind up the existing road down to gravel and

the Township would start over. The next concept ( second letter) would only be a \$44,852.38 refund and they would do nothing to the road. The Township Board plus residents had lengthy discussion on both offers. The \$44 Thousand was not a bad offer but the intent of the whole situation would be to get a full refund and have the RC wipe this project off the books. Some of the residents suggested the \$44 Thousand was better than nothing and maybe we should go that route .

Treasurer Roof made a motion to accept the \$44,852.38 but Board members still were not sure this was the best solution so Treasurer Roof withdrew her motion. If the Township has to build this road back up to perfection then the cost from the RC should be of the full amount. This was finally the agreement between Board members who are deeply concerned about residents' taxes being spent for their benefit. The RC had sent the letter from them wanting our response by the 30th of May 2025 on which proposal we wanted to settle with . \* **Motion** by Graham to respond to them with a letter asking for the full \$58522.05 and for the RC to do nothing to the road and for the Township to receive their cost share for this project. This amount consists of 45,000.00 . We also put a timeline for a response by the 30th of May 2025 ( in consideration of Memorial Day) \*

Seconded by Smith \*roll call vote was taken ; Kindle-aye, Thelen-aye ,Smith-aye, Roof-aye, Graham-aye \*Motion passed

\***Motion** by Roof to Asphalt Scott Rd. with reappropriated Township road funds that are budget for the FY year 2025-2026. \*Seconded by Graham\* Roll call vote was taken -Graham-aye, Roof-aye, Kindle-aye, Thelen-aye ,Smith-aye.\* Motion passed.

Supervisor Thelen has recieved a bid from Michigan Paving that is in the realm of what the Township has budgeted for FY 2025-2026 road projects. No motion or roll call vote will be necessary.

\***Motion** by Graham to accept gravel at \$13.13 a ton from Schlegel/ Carmeuse pit since we are not signing gravel contracts this FY with CCRC and that we will get this in writing with said company. \*Seconded by Roof \*Roll call vote Kindle-aye, Graham-aye, Roof-aye, Thelen-aye, Smith-aye. \*Motion passed

\***Motion** by Kindel to authorize Supervisor Thelen to secure a grader for road gravel leveling. \*Seconded by Graham \*Motion passed

## **NEW BUSINESS**

\* Crushed Asphalt : An estimate was recieved from Miller Brother Excavating for 3.5 yards( 5 tons) of ground asphalt for the Township

driveway at \$96.46. **Motion** by Kindel to accept the bid \*Seconded by Graham  
\*Motion passed.

\* Spending Resolution: Clerk Smith presented a new  
Spending resolution for the Township Board . After the presentation the  
discussion was that the Resolution was repetitive and needed to be rewritten and  
presented at the next monthly meeting. Clerk Smith will take care of this.

\* Zoning Correspondence: Supervisor Thelen asked  
that a letter of recommendation be sent to Zoning in concerns with two properties  
in our Township that are being pursued by zoning for violations due to request  
from neighboring residents. Our recommendation would allow zoning to pursue  
further action. Clerk Smith will take care of such a response

**Additional Public Comment :** None

**Adjournment:** \*Motion by Graham to adjourn the meeting\* Seconded by  
Kindel\*Motion passed.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:45 pm

**Next Meeting June 23rd, 2025 7pm**

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Supervisor, Lee Thelen

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Clerk, Ramona Smith