

January 4, 2016
Greenbush Township Regular Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Greenbush Township Board was held January 4, 2016 at 7:00PM. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jones and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. All board members were present.

Jones made a motion to approve the agenda, Hayes supported. The motion carried.

Hayes made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read, Jones supported, and the motion carried.

Havens made a motion to pay orders 1358 thru 1372 plus the Eureka street lights Consumers bill when it comes, for a total transfer of \$30,212.88, Jorae supported and it carried.

The balances on December 31, 2015 were:

FirstMerit Checking	\$ 63.97
FirstMerit Savings	\$ 41,683.01
Mercantile MMIA	\$ 15,960.91
Tax MMIA	\$ 2,778.06
Total Funds Available	\$ 60,485.95

Eric Thompson from the Sheriff's Department reports a quiet holiday season. The B & E from November has been solved, and for the one in December, they have a suspect. Clinton County does not keep records of immigrants or undocumented workers. I.C.E. does not deal with anyone unless they commit a felony; there is just not enough man power.

The minutes from the special meeting November 17, 2015 were read. Havens made a motion to approve, Jorae supported and the motion carried with Smith voting nay. The minutes from the Board meeting December 7, 2015 and the special meeting December 22, 2015 were read. Smith made a motion to approve them, Jones supported, and the motion carried.

Public comment came from John Fromson - concerning tax revenue income and email notifications, Curt Pettigrew - township postings on our 1 mil budget, Dan Harold - chances of a household needing a fire truck or ambulance, Doug Whitford - needs more information where township money goes, and Jenny Jorae concerning the survey posting.

The results of the December 2015 Fire and Rescue Survey are:

1. The township has been providing fire service to its residents. Do you want the Township to continue to provide this service? Yes 51 No 33
2. We do not know who is willing or able to provide services for us yet, but if offered would you support fire and rescue services from: Any Dept. 24 Ashley Volunteer Fire Dept. 2 Elsie Area Fire Dept. 14 Ithaca Fire Dept. 0 Maple Rapids, Village of Fire Dept. 10 St. Johns, City of Fire Dept. 50
3. Are you willing to pay a new millage of up to 1 mil per year to fund fire and medical first responder services? Yes 40 No 46
4. Would you rather have a contract arrangement or an ownership arrangement with the providing fire department? Contract 57 Ownership 10
5. Greenbush Township currently has medical first responders through CAFR. Would you like that service to continue regardless of who provides fire protection services? Yes 47 No 35

Lynn Weber from Clinton Area Ambulance Service spoke about the changes if/when CAFR goes away. They will lose a valuable resource and changes will have to be made.

Our County Commissioner, Kam Washburn reported the county has settled the last 2 contracts. Health care is handled separate from all of the separate employee contracts. A non motorized facility plan was adopted, and Commission officers were elected for this year.

Beth Botke, our township assessor, said there was nothing on the agenda so no Board of Review was held in December.

Jones made a motion to approve the calendar of regular monthly meetings for the board of Greenbush Township for the fiscal year 2016-2017, Havens supported and the motion carried. The calendar will be posted in the Clinton County News.

Havens made a motion to amend the 2015-2016 budget, CAFR Operating, to \$95,028.20, Hayes supported and the motion carried

Jones made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 PM, Havens supported and the meeting adjourned.

Eugene Jones, Supervisor

Bernadette Hayes, Clerk