

Greenbush Township Minutes

December 4th, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thelen, at 7:00pm. Supervisor Thelen commented that it was our first year in office was productive. He mentioned if anyone has any suggestions or concerns please contact any one of us. The audience gave a round of applause. The meeting then began with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present.

The agenda was approved with the addition of a resolution for ach transactions and the assessing services contract. Motion to accept the agenda as amended made by Kindel seconded by Graham, motion carried.

Clinton County Sherriff Report – Officer Thompson was absent. Resident Jean Bradley stated that Officer Thompson was retiring at the end of the year; this was confirmed by Commissioner Washburn.

CAAS – Lynn Weber was absent, he did send us a report of activity. A shoreline heater was put in the Rescue Truck to keep windows and Narran and gear at a suitable temperature, in the cab. 2017 ambulance runs are up from 2016. Community Paramedic program is still moving forward.

Road Commission Report – Supervisor Thelen gave a report on a MDOT meeting that was at the road commission, concerning road work that will be done in the future on the highways. Various tax amount monies may be allotted to county and township in the upcoming future. They gave recommendations of what they thought we should do next year. We have a good crew in Larry, Kyle and Tom so will take their recommendations and our own recommendations for next year. Remember not to plow your snow into the roadway and to keep mail boxes secure and cleaned out.

Reading and Approval of Prior Month Minutes - Motion by Kindel to accept minutes as presented seconded by Graham. Motion carried.

Treasures Report – Roof presented the treasure’s report. Motion by Graham to pay checks, #13223 - 13247 plus ACH and EFT payment, and accept the report as presented. Kindel seconded motion carried.

Correspondence - None

Public Comment – Jean Bradley, commented on gravel trucks going south on Scott from Colony. Zoning and Road Commission will keep a tab on the haul route, which is supposed to be Williams north to Colony west to the highway. Prospective candidate for 93 district representative Graham Filler introduced himself. He stated he would stay after the meeting to have any residents speak with him if they wished.

County Commissioner Report - Kam Washburn approved 2018 county budget. Tax revenue has increased by 3% of the 70% goes for commission budget. A new contract with the state for the jail was just signed. It was for the use of 50 beds, this is good for the county. Barb Moss is retiring; her position

will be out sourced while an in house employee finishes classes and becomes certified. The commission approved \$20,000 for improvement of the west side of Dewitt Rd. of Motz Park; Parks and Greenspace will prioritize the improvement.

Assessor's Report – Beth Botke gave an updated report on Beck & Fisher, LLC. , the case is progressing. Also, there were a couple of Resolutions that are on the agenda tonight, concerning poverty exemption and property transfer.

Old Business - Update on fire hall, there are still some issues to clear up. RESA called wants to have 12 back pack and harnesses. Supervisor Thelen ask the board to approve the donation. Motion to do so was made by Kindel seconded by Graham motion carried.

Silvers Rd. property – Can only recoup what it has cost us. Discussion followed on the sale of this property. There will be more research is to follow before putting it up for sale.

The new fence is up, many residents have mentioned how nice it looks, but would like to see it go around all three sides. At, this time this is cost prohibited, but if any resident would like to remember us in a monetary donation we would consider extending the fence line. Also, there has been talk of landscaping the northern end of the property. The existing fence cost was kept to the budget of \$1500.00.

Assessor's annual contract will stay the same total amount, but with the amendments to some of it will be under an employee of the township, other services will be contracted. Motion was made to accept the new contract by Graham seconded by Kindel. Roll call vote taken to accept township employee status amendment 5 votes – yes 0- nays motion carried.

New Business – Division of the sale of the fire hall building minus expenses. A discussion followed on what expenses were viable to subtract that pertained to the preparation of the sale of the property. They are the sign, ads, 50 hours x \$15ph cleaning, survey, disposal of chemicals found in the building. Motion by Roof seconded by Smith motion carried.

Thelen motioned to accept Poverty Exemption Resolution – Roll call vote 5 yes 0 nay motion carried

Thelen motioned to accept Property Transfer Affidavit – Roll call vote 5 yes 0 nay motion carried.

Zoning variance case # ZC23-17-vr – Bruce Delong of Michigan Graphics and Sign explained the new sign variance request at Jim's Amish Structures on US 27. Discussion followed such as removing old sign, clear vision area etc. Greenbush Board will email zoning with the recommendation that the sign be allowed with the condition the old signs are removed and with compliance with zoning.

Resolution of the ACH Transactions motion by Kindel seconded Graham Roll call vote 5 yes 0 nay motion carried.

Other Business – None

Additional comments from public Mr. Snyder asked when taxes would be mail out. They will be going out this week per treasurer Roof. He also asked about revenue sharing when we receive it and the amount.

Motion to adjourn by Kindel seconded by Graham.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36

Lee Thelen, Supervisor

Ramona Smith, Clerk