

## GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Monday, January 31, 2022 4PM

(Due to the cancellation of the January 24th 7pm meeting)

\*All board members present

**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:** A motion was made by Kindel to accept the agenda as presented.

\*Seconded by Graham

\* Motion passed

**Clinton County Sheriff Report:** Sheriff Wetzel was in attendance and reported incidences and on-going activities in our county and township. Sheriff Wetzel has been training new hires and was given temporary day shift duties. The board appreciated that he took the time out of busy schedule to attend the meeting with some updates. In the southern part of the county have been to be numerous thefts of catalytic converters. With the new Scott Rd paving the county is trying to regulate the speed in that area and it seems a lot of the traffic is from the cheese plant on Walker Rd. Also brought to our attention when an accident occurs, please be reminded to stay off the road way when exchanging information. Resident Jim Whitford is still very concerned with the speed of traffic through Eureka on Welling Rd. Sherriff Wetzel will take his concerns back to the Sheriff's office with hopes that some sort of action can take place.

**CAAS Report:** Supervisor Thelen gave the report from their monthly meeting and was pleased that treasurer Roof also attended. Treasurer Roof also reported that this organization has a lot going for them and the questions that she felt necessary to ask were well answered. There is always financial pluses and minuses to overcome and they seem to be handling them in a good manner. Various grants are coming in and some townships have committed to some ARPA funds to be granted to them also. Renewal contracts to the townships will be coming soon. Welcomed to the board was representees from the city of St. Johns Brad Gurski and Ed Thelen.

**Reading and Approval of Prior Month's Minutes:** A motion was made by Kindel to approve the prior months minutes an to dispense with their reading.

\*Seconded by Graham

\* Motion passed

**Treasurers Report and the Approval of Bill Payments:** The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Roof. The profit and loss as well as the balance sheet was also presented. Treasurer Roof asked that checks 14070-14095 plus ACH and EFTPS be approved for payment. A motion was made by Smith to accept the report and to pay the bill that were presented.

\* Seconded by Graham

\* Motion passed

**Correspondence:** A thank-you from the Supervisor Thelen on behalf of the passing of his mother

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

**County Commissioner Report- Kam Washburn:** The 911 updated project is still inactive but much closer with hard work from the agency. The broad ban survey for the county has circulated quite well and will be up for much discussion to see if this is a practicality for our county.

**Assessor Report-Beth Botke:** Botke reported that BOR training will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 at Victor Township this a two-year training cycle that must take place. The next BOR will be March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm and 3pm-9pm. A webinar was presented by Botke at our township hall to a variety of Assessors it which was received by all those involved. Botke keeps us\* well informed on all issues of bills being passed and discussed that impact our taxes, assessments and any situations that will impact our township. Assessments should be going out to household's somewhere around the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2022. \*Clinton County Board Appointment: Botke was appointed by Judge Spagnolo to the 'Tax Allocation Board for a one-year term. \* Legislative Changes that will affect Greenbush Township, House Bill 5351-Bill amends MCL 211: To increase the combined true cash value limit in 2022. The loss to the 2023 Assessment Cycle is estimated at \$ 308,900.00 in taxable value. \*House Bill 5502-5506 the bills make changes to the eligible Manufacturing Personal Property, Essential Service Assessment and Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption, the changes do not take effect until the 2023 tax year (December 31, 2022)

**OLD BUSINESS:** Road Report- Between Supervisor Thelen, Trustee Kindel and Trustee Graham and the RC with their expertise of how we want to proceed on our roads has become a reality. \*By 2026 every black topped road will be seal coated twice \*2026 all roads will be graveled \* Pavement between Maple Rapids Rd and Hyde Rd is becoming a reality. To maintain good roads there is always the up keep of pulling shoulders, grading roads and spending the road millage monies. It was also mentioned by Supervisor Thelen that we may want to add a line item on our budget that included funds for a road maintenance person?

ARPA- The board discussed the spending of some of these funds, it was agreed that there is ample time. It was also brought up that we have a report that is due to the Federal Government by April 1<sup>st</sup> on the ARPA funds and it might be in our best interest to do the report then disburse some of the funds. Also, it may be in our best interest to have more than one person respond to this report. A notice was also sent to the Township that some ARPA funds were not taken by some jurisdictions and we would receive additional funds in the near future.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Assessor contract-** A new contract was brought to the board's attention that due to the extent of the number of parcels we now have in the Township. A motion was made by Kindel to raise the amount per parcels to \$13.50
  - \* Seconded by Roof
  - \* Roll call vote was taken – all ayes prevailed; motion passed
- **Poverty Guideline-** This is presented to the Township every year by our Assessor; it is needed to be put on file. Motion by Roof to accept the Poverty Guideline.

\* Seconded by Graham

\* Roll call was taken- all ayes prevailed; motion passed

- Salaries Resolutions- The following salary resolutions were presented to the board by clerk Smith:

Supervisor Thelen	Resolution 2022-24-1 #1  Salary set @ 14,670.00	- Motioned by Roof - Seconded by Kindel - Roll Call: 4 "ayes" with Thelen abstained - Motion passed - Thelen denied - Salary remains at \$13,850
Clerk Smith	Resolution 2022-24-1 #3	- Motioned by Roof - Seconded by Kindel - Roll Call: 4 "ayes" with Smith abstained - Motion passed - Smith accepted - Salary set at \$17,470
Treasurer Roof	Resolution 2022-24-1 #2	- Motioned Graham - Seconded by Kindel - Roll call: 4 "ayes" with Roof abstained - Motion passed - Roof accepted - Salary set at \$18,000
Trustee Graham	Resolution 2022-24-1 #5	- Motioned by Roof - Seconded by Smith - Roll Call: 4 "ayes" with Graham abstained - Motion passed - Graham accepted - Salary set at \$2,670
Trustee Kindel	Resolution 2022-24-1 #4	- Motioned by Roof - Seconded by Smith - Roll Call: 4 "ayes" with Kindel abstained - Motion passed - Kindel accepted - Salary set at \$2,670
Assessor Botke	Resolution 2022-24-1 #6	- Motioned by Roof - Seconded by Graham - Roll Call: 5 "ayes" - Motion passed - Salary set at \$4,700

Deputy Clerk Deputy Treasurer	No Resolution Necessary	- Motion by Thelen to raise Deputies Salary by \$ 100.00 - Seconded by Kindel -Roll Call: 5 Ayes -motion passed -salaries 1600.00 per Deputy
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CAAS BUDGET APPROVAL: Motion to table until the February 2022 Meeting. Motion by Roof

\* Seconded by Smith

\* Motion passed

**Additional Public Comment:** None

**2022-2023- Budget Meeting:** The date was disused and the board agreed on February 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 10 am at the Greenbush Township Hall

**Next Meeting:** February 28<sup>th</sup>,2022 7:00 pm

**Meeting Adjournment:** Motion by Roof to adjourn meeting

\* Seconded by Graham

\* Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 5:55