



GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
8/13/2018
7:00 PM



Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Tom Deater, Sandra Gustman, Ron Stroven, Stacey Budde, Cora Conley

- 1) Approve Agenda - motion by Ron Stroven to approve the agenda as amended. **In Favor 5-0**
- 2) Approve Minutes of 7/09/18 Regular Meeting – motion by Ron Stroven to approve the minutes as amended.
In Favor 5-0
- 3) Treasurer’s report – motion by Tom Deater to approve the report as presented. **In Favor 5-0**
 - a) Fund Balance = 307,173.40
 - b) Restricted Balance = 41,295.45
 - c) Balance Available for Township operations = \$265,877.95
- 4) Public Comment: (Please limit comments to three minutes)
 - a) Jerry Beattie offered the following questions and comments:
 - i) Has anyone on the Board checked with the DNR about paying for an additional brine for 184th considering the recreational traffic? He stated the county did a terrible job on the second brine of his road and he would like it to be brined again.
 - ii) The condition of Roosevelt Rd has never been as bad as it is currently.
 - iii) Has anyone on the board called to get an estimate on the cost to pave ½ mile of road? He challenged the board to get an estimate so that we all would have an idea of the cost of paving.
 - b) **David Luster (spelling?)** offered a complaint about the current dusty conditions and poor brining job done on 184th.
 - c) Jamie Holcomb advised the board that the County did an ineffective repair of a large hole on 192nd South of Roosevelt.
- 5) Committee Reports:
 - a. Fire board - Ron Stroven presented minutes of 7/11 meeting.
 - b. Library board - Marie Rose presented minutes of 7/17 meeting.
 - c. Cemetery board meeting - Tom Deater stated there was no meeting.
 - d. Planning Commission – Ron Stroven presented the minutes of the 8/9/18 meeting.
 - e. Ambulance Committee Report. There was no committee meeting. Martha Meyette addressed questions about the Board of Commissioner’s decision to end the contract with Oceana EMS. Martha agreed with comments that few factual details have been available to the public that would have provided insight into the decision by the Board of Commissioners. She commented that few factual details were provided to her. Martha advised she voted in favor of contracting with Life EMS, as did the majority of the Board. Martha advised that October 1 is the anticipated start date of Life EMS. She also advised the Board that Life EMS does want to station an ambulance in the Hesperia area and feasibility options are under discussion. Martha stated that a key performance requirement of Life EMS is a 15 minute or less response time for 90% of calls. She stated this is not a 90% average of all calls, but is 15 minutes or less for 90% of each and every call. Both Sandy Gustman and Stacey Budde expressed disappointment to Martha that the facts and process were not made more transparent to the public.

- 6) Correspondence:
- a) State of Michigan – DNR – requested Greenwood township appointments to the White River Zoning Review Board. Cora Conley made a motion to appoint Kevin Conley as primary representative and Jamie Holcomb as alternative representative to the board. **In Favor 5-0**
 - b) US District Court for the Southern District of New York – notice related to lawsuits and settlements with Deutsche Bank and HSBC Bank plc. Sandy advised as we have had no business with these banks the notice is not applicable to Greenwood Township.
- 7) Old Business:
- i) Acker Lake Township Property – Tom Deater advised he received a call from the adjacent property owners about needed tree and fencing maintenance at the township public access site. Tom and Kevin Conley visited the site to assess the condition and speak with the property owners, names? **Chris & Sarah Boucher, 8526 S. 200th.** Based on their observations, the following action has already or will be taken:
 - (1) Tom will obtain quotes for tree removal /trimming for Acker Lake as well as for other township properties.
 - (2) Tom received an informal verbal quote from Lavern Troyer to remove and replace the fence along the South side of the public access driveway. The quote includes removal of the current fence and replacement with a 4’ woven wire fence with 4 inch rods for total including labor and materials of \$800.00. A motion was offered by Cora Conley, and the board approved the fence expenditure **In Favor 5-0**, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00, and in consideration that the below additional improvements offered by Lavern would also be completed:
 - (a) Build and installation of a dock at no cost to the township (including labor and materials).
 - (b) Tom will ask Lavern to install a hitching post at the site.
 - (c) Cora will call the insurer about dock liability.
 - (3) North side fencing needs will be addressed after further consideration of overall site improvements.
 - b) Website quotes – tabled until September.
 - c) Roads – Tom Deater advised :
 - i) In response to inquiry last month by James Kibart, that the “McKinley Rd. two-track” is not a County road but is actually Federal Forest Road 5083.
 - ii) That he will invite Mark Timmer ORC to township meeting in the future.
 - iii) That the improvements to the section of road on Garfield between Walkerville Rd and Taylor Bridge, and the curve on Arthur will be chip seal.
 - iv) Jamie Holcomb inquired about a comment made at the July 2018 regular meeting concerning federal monies that were earmarked for improvement of 192/194th an estimated 15 years ago, but for which improvements were never made by the OCR. Jamie asked if the Board had done any research on this. Tom replied that no action has taken place
- 8) New Business:
- a) New deputy clerk – Cora Conley reported that she has appointed Eileen Reed as her new Deputy Clerk replacing Kevin Conley effective 8/13/18. Eileen will be a signatory on the Checking Account 860064 at Shelby State Bank. Cora and Sandy Gustman will ensure update of the bank signatory cards to reflect the recent appointments of Eileen Reed for the deputy clerk (Shelby State Bank checking only) and Jim Gustman as deputy treasurer and signatory on all accounts at Shelby State Bank and with Community Shores Bank.
 - b) ADA Desk - Cora Conley reported she will obtain quotes for purchase of an ADA desk to improve accessibility for our electors.
 - c) Fences – Tom Deater reported that Lavern Troyer offered a verbal quote of \$2500 for removal, cleanup, and replacement with new 4’ woven wire fence at the cemetery site. Tom will obtain formal quotes from Lavern for fencing at the Cemetery, Acker Lake and for the township dump site.

- 9) Board discussion
- a) Handouts – Sandy Gustman provided the board with the following documents:
 - i) “Greenwood Township Safety Deposit Box Contents” including deed and CD lists.
 - ii) “Twp. Hall Uses Committee Minutes” along with notes on research of usage.
 - iii) “Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Use of Outside EMS Providers”.
 - iv) “What is the township’s legal authority for roads” (MTA Legal Counsel 1994) including a 1999 schedule of ORC expenditures by township and a OCR “Proposed 2004 Township Project Funding” report.
 - b) Policies and Procedures – October 4th at 9 a.m. has been scheduled as the first workshop to begin review and update of the township policy and procedures.
- 10) Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Tom Deater to pay the bills as presented. **In Favor 5-0**

Meeting End time: 9:30 pm.

Cora Conley – Greenwood Township Clerk

APPROVED

Cora Conley