



**GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**1.14.2019**  
**7:00 PM**



Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance

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

- 1) Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda as amended was offered by Tom Deater. **In Favor 5-0**
- 2) Approve Minutes:
  - a) 12.10.2018 Regular Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes was offered by Cora Conley. **In Favor 5-0**
  - b) 12.28.2018 Special Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes was offered by Cora Conley. **In Favor 5-0**
- 3) Treasurer's report of 12/31/2018: Motion by Tom Deater to approve. **In Favor 5-0**
  - a) Fund Balance = \$283,360.24
  - b) Restricted Balance = \$17,261.38
  - c) Balance Available for Township operations = \$266,098.86
- 4) Public Comment: (Please limit comments to three minutes) :
  - a) Doug Harmon: Thanked the township for the free cleanup day dumpsters. He advised he has experienced vandalism at his property located at 5699 Webster Rd. He also inquired on the townships junk ordinance and was provided the form to file a complaint.
  - b) Jamie Holcomb asked if a sand and salt drum could be provided and placed on the hill on Wilke. Tom Deater will review with OCRC and respond. Jamie also offered disagreement with OCRC Mark Timmer's comments (during our Dec 10 regular meeting) about the causes leading to deteriorated conditions of Wilke Rd.
  - c) Kay Ohrling asked how well the OCRC responds to inquiries and complaints. Tom Deater commented that responses are better now.
  - d) Doug Harmon was asked to comment and responded with his insight to road condition issues from his perspective as Newaygo County Road Commissioner. His feedback included that a gravel road life is 10 years, that NCRC partners with Township Supervisors to drive roads and rate them on a 1-10 scale, that NCRC partners with townships to cost share improvements., and that he attends a meeting referred to as the Paul Bunyan meeting wherein county road officials meet to share ideas and solutions to road issues.
  - e) Martha Meyette advised Oceana Economic Development representative Jodi Nichols has an initiative underway to help businesses with growth and to help start-up businesses. Interested parties should contact Jodi.
- 5) Committee Reports:
  - a. Fire Board - Ron Stroven presented the minutes from the 12/12/18 meeting.
  - b. Library Board - Marie Rose presented the minutes from the 12/18/18 meeting.
  - c. Cemetery Board - no meeting.
  - d. Planning Commission -no meeting.
- 6) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries
  - a) Holton Township Planning Commission RE: Master Plan Update and Meeting Notice
  - b) Oceana Office of County Administrator 2019 Budget Summary provided by Martha Meyette
  - c) Letters of interest for various township positions were received from: Jamie Holcomb, James Kibart, Melissa Stroven, Steve Stroven and Kim McClernan.
  - d) DTE Public Hearing Notice

7) Old Business:

- a) Junk Complaint – 6698 E Skeels Rd – Tom Deater reported that he will follow up with our attorney.
- b) Parking lot lighting – Tom Deater will follow up with Nieboer.
- c) Tree trimming and tree removal - Tom Deater reported work will be on hold until spring.
  - i) Township Hall
  - ii) Acker Lake
  - iii) Taylor Bridge
- d) Fencing – Tom Deater reported there is no change in status of work completion.
  - i) Acker Lake (tabled until 2019)
  - ii) Dump (Quote pending)
  - iii) Cemetery
- e) Troyer’s heavy equipment rental activities related to their advertisement RE: no permit for this business activity: Kay Ohrling advised that Zoning Administrator Rick Mansfield will invite Troyer to the next Planning Commission meeting.
- f) Website: Cora Conley reminded the Board they have a list of items Fremont Computer needs if we want them placed on our website. Cora asked the Board to review the list and provide the information to her as soon as possible. The Board also elected not to include an advertising slogan on the site.

8) New Business

- a) Board Appointments:
  - i) Planning Commission: Tom Deater offered a motion to appoint James Kibart to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Approval given, by roll call vote, for both appointments. **In Favor 5-0**
  - ii) Board of Review – Tom Deater commented that Jamie Holcomb was appointed to Board of Review during a special meeting held December 28.
  - iii) Election Inspectors: Cora Conley advised that we cannot appoint election inspectors until the allowed statutory time period for each specific election.
- b) Budget Amendments: the following motions were offered:
  - i) Assessor: Sandy Gustman offered a motion that we increase the assessor budget by \$2000 to cover expenses through the end of the year. **In Favor 5-0**
  - ii) Board of Review: Tom Deater offered a motion that we increase the Board of Review budget by \$2000 to cover expenses through the end of the year. **In Favor 5-0**
  - iii) Fire Board: Ron Stroven offered a motion that we increase the Fire Board budget by \$1000 to cover expenses through the end of the year. **In Favor 5-0**

9) Board discussion:

- a) Marijuana and new law: an open discussion was held relating to growing operations and retail establishments. No action taken.
- b) Equalization: Sandy Gustman reported she had an informative and successful meeting with County Equalization. Tom Deater attended as well and agreed.
- c) Oman bankruptcy – Sandy Gustman reported she met with County officials and progress is being made to remove this property from the tax roll.
- d) Road Commission Supervisor meeting: Tom Deater reported that he attended the meeting last Wednesday and of 16 supervisors, only 6 were present. Discussion took place related to road weight limits, black topping, and possible purchase of brining equipment in order that the County might self-perform brining work.
- e) Sandy Gustman advised the CDs at Shelby State Bank have been renewed effective 1/6/19.

10) Payment of Bills: Ron Stroven offered a motion that the bills be paid. **In Favor 5-0**

Meeting ended at 8:45 pm

