



GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

8/12/19

7:00 PM



Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

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

- 1) Approve Agenda as amended– motion by Stroven. **I/F 5-0**
- 2) Approve Minutes as presented – motion by Conley:
 - a) 7.08.2019 Regular Meeting **I/F 5-0**
 - b) 7.23.2019 Special Meeting RE: ORV Ordinance **I/F 5-0**
- 3) Approve Treasurer’s report of 7/31/2019 as presented – motion by Deater. **I/F 5-0**
 - a) Fund Balance = \$291,549.67
 - b) Restricted Balance = \$17,267.24
 - c) Balance Available for Township Operations = \$274,282.43
- 4) Public Comment: (Please limit comments to three minutes)
 - a) Jerry Beattie offered complaint about the brine work performed on 184th. Asked if there was anything the Board was going to do about it. Beattie stated the Township should not have approved the County performing the work instead of the company out of Manistee. Deater advised him that the Township did not have a vote in that decision.
 - b) James Kibart offered complaint about the condition of 184th and inquired about improvements. He stated he drove the Township’s roads and found none to be in as bad shape as 184th. Kibart asked if the Board could speak to the Oceana Road Commission. (OCR). Kibart offered an idea that the Township fund part of a County employee wages/benefits so the OCR could hire and dedicate an employee to Greenwood’s roads on a scheduled part-time basis; he also asked if the Township could expend funds toward improvement of the roads and he said he was told by the ORC that Greenwood Township will not participate financially and that is part of the reason we’ve had few road improvements.
 - c) Deater advised both Kibart & Beattie that he has spoken to the Road Commission on several occasions and that there is nothing more than can be done toward road improvements at this time.
- 5) Committee Reports:
 - a. Fire board meeting minutes of 7/10 were presented by Stroven. Deater asked about the roof repairs. Stroven advised the job has been put out for bid.
 - b. Library board meeting minutes of 7/16 were presented by Marcia Woods.
- 6) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries
 - a) Rick Mansfield letter of 7/19 RE: to Redman was received.
 - b) Rick Mansfield letter of 7/25 RE: to Yoder was received.
 - c) Oceana County delinquent personal property tax notice received by Gustman. Gustman reported that Greenwood had no delinquencies on the list.
 - d) Michigan Public Commission notice RE: DTE hearings was received by Gustman.
 - e) Oceana County Treasurer training notice received by Gustman. Approval to attend requested. **I/F 5-0**

- 7) Old Business:
- a) Tree trimming and tree removal status – report by Deater:
 - i) Township Hall work is pending but will begin soon as the ground conditions have improved.
 - ii) Taylor Bridge - quote for the work is still pending.
 - b) Acker Lake site improvement including excavation & fencing – report by Deater: work is pending as the contractor (Rick’s Excavating) is not expected to start for at least another 3 weeks.
 - c) ORV Ordinance – Deater provided a revision of the draft ordinance for the Board’s review. A special meeting date of August 14 at 8:30 a.m. was set to review and discuss.
 - d) Pivot Point Software update (for assessor’s use) - Deater advised this is not an active topic and can be removed from the agenda going forward.
 - e) Sawmill red tag status – Deater reported the site has been cleaned up.
- 8) New Business
- a) Brining – Deater reported that a quarter mile on 200th South of Cleveland Rd was not brined and has been scheduled to be completed. The section of road was not on the list for brining but has been added.
 - b) Roosevelt and Maple Island Intersection – Kay Ohrling and Stroven reported receiving numerous complaints about the poor visibility at the intersection. Rick Mansfield agreed to make contacts, including with the State Transportation Department and AT&T in order to schedule repairs and improvements.
 - c) Zoning Work Session: A combined Planning Commission and Regular board work session has been scheduled for September 9 and 9:00 a.m. to begin a review and update of the ordinances.
- 9) Board discussion/comment:
- a) Clerk training 7/17 & 7/18 – Conley reported on the training she attended.
 - b) FOIA request – Conley reported on the receipt and response to an election worker FOIA request.
 - c) Medical Marijuana – Conley Shared MTA’s 12.3.18 advisory on medical marijuana and offered a motion that Greenwood Township take no action to “Opt In”. **I/F 5-0**
 - d) Brayton Drain – Deater & Stroven attended the recent meeting that arose due to petition of residents on Martin Lake resulting from spring rains and flooding issues. The meeting was also attended by State & Local drain authorities. The Brayton Drain Board presented a plan and the next meeting is scheduled for 8/23. Any work will be funded by additional tax assessment. They will continue to track and apprise the Board of developments and plans for work on this drain. Conley offered motion that Deater be paid retroactively and going forward for his attendance and continued reporting on this topic. **I/F 5-0**
 - e) Frontier phone service outage at home residences – reported by Gustman and Deater. They are relying on Township hall for communications related to the Township and Sandy is checking the messages at the hall daily. Deater reported that he sent an inquiry to Senator Bumstead about potential for a cell tower in the air. Bumstead’s response is pending.
 - f) Dump day – Deater and Stroven reported that 4 dumpsters were filled.
 - g) 168th/Roosevelt road repairs – Deater reported receiving a thank you from a resident for repairs to these roads. He was told improvements were completed timely as a resident had an emergency life-threatening medical issue and it’s believed response time and the good outcome was a direct result of improvements to those roads.
- 10) Bill /payroll review - Motion by Stroven authorizing payment. **I/F 5-0**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

