



GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
04/12/2021
7:00 PM



- 1) Call to Order by Hunt at 7:00 PM.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Attendance: Members present – Hunt, Gustman, Deater, Conley. Absent: Budde
- 4) Public Comment: None
- 5) Agenda was approved as amended. Motion by Conley, Supported by Deater I/F 4-0
- 6) Minutes were approved as presented:
 - a) Regular Board of 3/8/2021. Motion by Deater, Supported by Gustman. I/F 4-0
 - b) Budget/Truth in Taxation of 3/8/2021. Motion by Conley, Supported by Deater. I/F 4-0
 - A) Special Meeting – Blight of 3/23/21. Motion by Gustman, Supported by Deater. I/F 4-0
- 7) Treasurer's report of 3/31/2021 was approved as presented. In addition, the quarterly report was presented along with the taxation settlement worksheet and the property tax administration fee worksheet. Motion by Conley, Supported by Deater. I/F 4-0
 - a) Fund Balance = \$284,690.24
 - b) Restricted Balance = \$10,196.15
 - c) Balance Available for Township Operations = \$274,494.09
- 8) Old Business:
 - a) Mowing – Conley will place an ad for bids in the Oceana Herald, Hi-Lites and on the website. Motion by Hunt, Supported by Deater. I/F 4-0.
 - b) Road Repairs – tabled. Hunt will be attending upcoming meeting of the Road Commission.
 - c) BOR Required member training/certificates. Melissa Stroven's certificate is on file. Hunt reported that all other members have one more year to complete the training.
 - d) Dump day - Melissa and Steve Stroven will work the dump day May 8. Hunt will also be present. Deater will be on call to assist as needed. Agreement between board members that names of residents using the free dump day will be recorded to understand multiplicity of use by our residents. Also noted is a switch in dumpster vendors from Republic to RMS. Dumpsters will be ¼ smaller but result in an overall cost savings.
- 9) New Business:
 - a) Powers, Matt & Liz: The Planning Commission presented an I/F 5-0 approved permit application for the Powers'. The application is for used car sales at their current business location on Maple Island Rd in the former 5-mile auction site. Kay Ohrling reported they held a public hearing and notified neighboring residents as required. They had only 1 inquiry and received no objections. The business plans to operate Monday through Saturday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. They plan to house 10-25 vehicles. Motion by Conley to approve, Supported by Deater. I/F 4-0.

New Business (Continued)

- b) Blight Ordinance: was presented by the Planning Commission and discussed by the Board. In addition, Ohrling presented draft violation letters for the zoning administrator's use. Several necessary edits were identified in the ordinance. Agreement between Board members to table formal action on the ordinance until May. In the meantime, corrections will be made to the ordinance, Hunt will review the current policy and procedures regarding complaint handling and present any revision recommendations in May as well. Hunt will distribute the revised ordinance to members as soon as possible in order they can review and be prepared to act on the ordinance at the May meeting.
 - c) Special Use Permit prices were raised: ~~Regular Meeting Permits will increase from \$200 to \$450. Permit applications requesting a Special Meeting will increase from \$200 to \$700.~~ Special Use Permit application fees are increased from \$200 to \$450. This \$450 fee represents addressing the permit application during a Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission. The fee is \$700 if a Special Meeting of the Planning Commission is requested to expediently address the permit application. These increases are deemed necessary to cover wages, print ads, and other administrative costs associated with the permitting process. Motion by Gustman, Supported by Deater. I/F 4-0
 - d) Marijuana Ordinance – discussion held concerning reversal of Township's currently held position on medical marijuana establishments (prohibited in Greenwood Township) to take advantage of a potential revenue stream that for example, could be put toward road repairs. Hunt asked Board members to review the sample ordinance he provided and to do some individual research to begin forming a position and to prepare for future discussion and/or action.
 - e) Consumer's Energy contract change & resolution: Conley presented the 2-year contract related to street lighting. Also advised that Consumer's will be replacing the current light at the corner of Skeels and Maple Island. Motion by Conley to enter the contract. Supported by Gustman. I/F 4-0.
 - f) Insurance policy renewal / Communicable Disease exclusion policy change: Conley advised we received the exclusion endorsement to the policy which formalized the insurer's position on coverage of communicable disease. Also, Conley stated the premium was flat to prior year except for \$8.00 increase related to assets coverage and representing an inflation adjustment. Hunt is seeking a competitive quote. Conley stated the policy was marketed two years ago and found Michigan Township Participating Plan provided lowest cost and most comprehensive coverage. Motion by Hunt that he provide a competitive quote before April 21; otherwise, we will renew the current policy on that date. Motion supported by Deater. I/F 4-0.
 - g) Acker Lake fencing / clean up. Hunt will visit the location and secure fencing quotes.
 - h) Brining bids and/or acceptance: Motion by Hunt that we contract for 2 brining applications at an estimated cost of \$15,359.13. Supported by Conley. I/F 4-0.
- 10) Committee Reports:
- a. Fire Board meeting minutes were presented by Deater.
 - b. Library board meeting minutes were presented by Holcomb.
 - c. Planning Commission report was presented by Kay Ohrling.
- 11) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries: None
- 12) Bills & Payroll: Review & Authorization to pay – Conley reported the State tax withholding remittance of approximately \$700 would go out later this week in addition to the bills & payroll presented. Motion to pay by Gustman, Supported by Deater. I/F 4-0.

13) Board discussion/comment:

- a) Propane newsletter from Excel was shared by Conley.
- b) Gustman asked who the first contact for land division is and was advised to contact the Assessor.
- c) Gustman asked if the March BOR was closed and if responses to petitioners have been mailed as she received an inquiry. Hunt will follow up with the assessor.
- d) Conley asked who is contact for property inquiries, for example, someone interested in seemingly vacant home and was advised to refer caller to register of deeds.
- e) Gustman stated she needed input for Newsletter by May.
- f) Hunt will order name plates for James Kibart and Melissa Stroven.

14) Meeting adjourned: Motion by Conley, Supported by Deater to adjourn at 9:00 PM. I/F 4-0.



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