



GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
05/10/2021
7:00 PM



- 1) Call to Order by Hunt at 7:00 P.M.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Members present: Hunt, Gustman, Deater, Budde & Conley
- 4) Public Comment: Rich Hoffman of Wilke Rd stated he has lived in the Township for over 20 years and has spent the last 2 ½ months trying to get a zoning ordinance book. Board discussion took place and determination made that messages were not delivered to the Zoning Administrator Mansfield and that Mansfield never received a direct call due to misprint of his phone number in the Township newsletter. Corrections will be made. Hunt apologized. Hoffman was provided a copy of the ordinance at the conclusion of the meeting.
- 5) Agenda: was approved as amended. Motion by Gustman; Supported by Deater. I/F 5-0.
- 6) Minutes: of 4/12/2021 Regular Board meeting were approved as amended. Motion by Gustman; Supported by Budde. I/F 5-0. (Gustman advised of edit required to Item 9c about permit fees.)
- 7) Treasurer's report: of 4/30/2021 was approved as presented: Motion by Budde; Supported by Deater I/F 5-0.
 - a) Fund Balance = \$267,604.80
 - b) Restricted Balance = \$10,196.46
 - c) Balance Available for Township Operations = \$257,408.34
- 8) Old Business:
 - a) Blight Ordinance Revision discussion was held with the following course of action determined:
 - i) review and Board input of sample ordinance tabled until next meeting.
 - ii) Remediation efforts, including legal action will continue against open complaints under the existing in force blight ordinance. Motion by Conley; Supported by Budde. I/F 4-1.
 - b) Marijuana Ordinance – discussion was held related to pros and cons of allowing establishments (which would require revision of current ordinance) and Gustman reported on her learnings from attending meeting on this subject held at Newfield Township. Joe VanHassel, Assessor provided insight as well, and public comment was offered by meeting attendees. Decision made to table further discussion until a special meeting which date will be determined by Hunt.
- 9) New Business:
 - a) Clark Cemetery – Hunt attended the meeting and the minutes from the meeting are pending. Our fee under the joint agreement is \$2000 to cover maintenance for a 2-year period.
 - b) Mowing Bids – we received one bid from Linda Hunt. Motion by Conley to award the bid to Linda for one season beginning 5/11/21 through 10/31/21 at \$240 per month; Supported by Gustman. I/F 4-0. Hunt abstained from the vote.
 - c) Price of Ordinance Books was raised from \$15 to \$20 effective 5/11/21, to cover the cost of printing and binders. Motion by Deater; Supported by Gustman. I/F 5-0
 - d) Broadband Survey – Deater agreed to complete the survey on behalf of the Township.
 - e) American Rescue Plan (ARP), Utilization, SAM Number, DUNS Number: Gustman will review and apply for the numbers (if we do not already have them) as required to receive funds under the ARP.

(9 New Business Continued)

- f) Audit – a full financial audit and assistance with yearend accounting will be conducted in coordination between HS Companies and Baird, Cotter & Bishop as it was in 2018. Motion by Deater; Supported by Budde. I/F 3-0. Hunt and Conley abstained.

- 10) Committee Reports:
 - a. Fire Board meeting minutes were presented by Deater.
 - b. Library board meeting minutes were presented by Holcomb.
 - c. Free Dump/Gravel Day – Melissa Stroven reported that 44 people utilized the service with 6 people returning for a 2nd drop off. 2 Dumpsters were filled and 2 partially filled.

- 11) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries
 - a) Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Oceana County: information was provided to each board member to review and prepare for later decision about whether our Township will opt in or not. Joe VanHassel (assessor) provided information on pros and cons of the program.
 - b) Michigan Public Policy Survey MTA-U-M (Covid 19): survey will be completed by Budde on behalf of the Township.

- 12) Bills & Payroll were approved for payment including payment to Acker Lake Committee for participation in weed treatment. Motion by Budde; Supported by Conley. I/F 5-0

- 13) Board discussion/comment:
 - a) Ordinance- Prohibition of obscene material displayed on signs: Conley agreed to obtain copy of ordinance for consideration in Greenwood Township.
 - b) Road Repairs – Hunt is following up with the road commission on quotes received and verbal agreement to complete work on Wilke & 184th utilizing Township gravel for a total cost for both roads of \$60,000.00. Hunt also reported work will be done on Garfield at no cost to the Township.
 - c) Assessor report: Joe VanHassel reported that Greenwood Township did not receive a millage reduction fraction; however, 10 other townships in the county did. The reduction fraction occurs when the millage exceeds inflation + additions, which is the limit under the law. He advised this is rare. He also reported that assessed values increased 10% and that equalization went smoothly. His 5-year plan is to inspect 20% of properties each year with 50% of those to be completed in person by himself or by his agent to complete the process by 12/31.
 - d) CD: Gustman reported the Choice One Cd was renewed at rate of .15% (decrease from 2.4%)
 - e) Junk on Arthur: Conley asked Rick Mansfield Zoning administrator about the junk pile between his business on the corner of Maple Island & Arthur and the Schmidt’s house on Arthur. Rick advised that it is his scrap metal which will be loaded and removed soon.
 - f) US Depart of Ag, Forest service: Gustman reported we received a revenue distribution of \$880.82 for Manistee National forest monies.

- 14) Meeting adjourned at 9:16. Motion by Hunt; Supported by Deater. I/F 5-0

