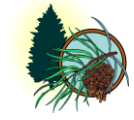




GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
10/11/2021
7:00 PM



- 1) Call to Order by Conley at 7:00 P.M.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Roll Call – Members Present: Conley, Gustman, Budde, Deater Absent: Hunt
- 4) Public Comment: Zack Scate of Greenwood Township introduced his brother-in-law Jeremiah Anderson who shared information with the Board about his Rural Internet Solutions business. Jeremiah provides custom internet connections for rural residents. He left flyers with his contact information for those interested.
- 5) Agenda: Motion by Budde; Supported by Deater to approve as amended. I/F 4-0
- 6) Minutes: Motion by Budde; Supported by Deater to approve the minutes of 9/13/21 as presented. I/F 4-0
- 7) Treasurer’s Report of 9/30/21 & Quarter Ending 9/30/21. Motion by Budde; Supported by Deater. I/F 4-0
 - a) Fund Balance = \$342,759.61
 - b) Restricted Balance = \$10,197.74 Folkema & \$61,964.15 ARPA
 - c) Balance Available for Township Operations = \$270,597.72
- 8) Old Business:
 - a) Hesperia Fire Authority - Fiscal Year for which services are provided as related to tax payments received from the Township: Confirmation is still pending. Deater will follow up.
 - b) Annual Project Report for ARPA – the first report is extended to April 2022.
 - c) ARPA Project Ideas: Board is still in the process of researching & reviewing potential project ideas. Conley reached out to Jodi Nichols of Oceana County Economic Alliance to learn if Broadband is a potential use of our funds and possibly in collaboration with other Townships. Jodi Nichols estimated the cost of Broadband is \$1 million per mile.
 - d) Junk & Blight Ordinance - Violation Procedure Manual: Motion by Conley to approve the procedure manual as amended; Supported by Gustman. I/F 5-0

- 9) New Business:
- a) Applications / Appointment of new Assessor: Conley stated our current assessor's last official day of work is 10/31. A resume and letter of interest from a candidate was received and distributed to all Board Members.
 - b) FOIA:
 - i) A request was received from Hayden@thefga.org concerning Grant Money from the Center for Tech & Civic Life. Conley responded to the request: No such Grant money was received by Greenwood Township.
 - ii) The True North FOIA request has been completed and the requestor has been notified that the information is available and will be sent upon receipt of the balance due.
 - c) Unemployment Insurance Agency – Wage Reporting requirement: Conley reported filing outstanding reports on behalf of the Township and stated the Township may be subject to significant penalties for late filing. According to the State website, wage reports are outstanding for the following periods: 3/31/1994 through 3/31/06 and 3/31/2012 - 6/30/2021; however, as a "Reimbursing Employer" the State required that we file outstanding reports only for periods from 06/30/2019 forward. Conley stated that after attending an MTA class and learning more about this payroll reporting requirement as it pertains to our Township, she researched and spoke with both H&S and BC&B auditors who confirmed their agreement with the filing requirement for our Township (although neither auditing firm had addressed the outstanding reports in past audit findings). Conley stated she will appeal penalties if assessed.
- 10) Committee Reports:
- a. Fire Board – no minutes as next meeting is Wednesday 10/13.
 - b. Library board meeting minutes of 9/21 were presented by Holcomb.
 - c. Planning Commission meeting minutes of 10/5 were presented by Holcomb.
- 11) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries
- a) Climate Emergency Declaration was received from Shelby Township.
 - b) Sustainability Presentation invitation related to protection of property rights was distributed by Martha Meyette.
- 12) Bills & Payroll: Motion to pay by Budde; Supported by Deater. I/F 4-0.
- 13) Board discussion related to Assessor's responsibility for and compliance and adherence to timely updates of addresses and other assessing-related information was held. There is responsibility related to these updates being imposed by the County on Sandra Gustman as Treasurer; however, this work is defined (according to MTA) as the responsibility of the Assessor. To require the Treasurer to spend time doing updates as well is duplicative and inefficient. Resolution on this responsibility conflict is necessary to ensure timely and proper updates. It is agreed that necessary engagement of the Board with the outgoing and incoming assessor must be made a priority to resolve this issue.
- 14) Meeting adjourned – Motion by Budde to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.; Supported by Deater. I/F 4-0

