



GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

1/09/2023

7:00 PM



- 1) Call to Order by Hunt at 7:00 PM.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Roll Call: Members present: Hunt, Gustman, Budde, Conley, Deater Absent: None
- 4) Public Comment: None
- 5) Agenda was approved as amended. Motion by Conley, Supported by Deater I/F 5-0
- 6) Minutes from the regular board meeting of 12/12/2022 were approved as presented. Motion by Conley, Supported by Gustman. I/F 5-0
- 7) Treasurer's report of 12/31/2022 was approved as presented. Motion by Conley, Supported by Deater I/F 5-0
 - a) Fund Balance = \$392,326.20
 - b) Restricted Balance = Folkema \$10,201.55 ARPA \$124,257.84
 - c) Balance Available for Township Operations = \$257,866.81
- 8) Old Business:
 - a) Michigan Sparks Grant /Acker Lake Project:
 - i) **Board Member comments:** Hunt provided a summary overview of the improvements which goal is to improve appearance, accessibility, and usefulness of the site. The project includes new fencing, parking, accessibility deck, boat launch, dock, etc. and stated most of the improvements are contingent upon approval of the Sparks grant application. Gustman and Conley both commented on the responsibility they felt as board members to maintain and improve the property for its intended use as was the request when the property was donated to the Township and when accepted by the Township. Deater commented that fishermen go where the fishing is good and talk travels. His own experience is the number of fish in a lake is generally cyclical in nature. Hunt stated a survey has been completed and there is an issue with a neighboring property and he will meet with that property owner on Sunday, January 15, at noon to discuss options to resolve.
 - ii) **Public Comments:**
 - (1) Question: Is the \$120k Grant application for all initially proposed projects (Acker, Taylor Bridge, Cemetery)? Hunt advised the grant application is for Acker Lake access site only as the estimate for the other two projects did not meet the minimum \$100k threshold for Spark grant application.
 - (2) Concern expressed about the current fish population being depleted already and expanded use by neighboring communities making this worse. For some lake residents, this would deplete their personal value of living on the lake.
 - (3) Concern expressed about invasive species being transferred to the lake by boaters while lake residents pay for the treatment for this problem.
 - (4) Concerns expressed: about the current parking situation along the road being an obstruction, speed limit violations on the road, and users of the site parking on resident's property when they can't get into the site (winter), or when the access drive is full. The site is already causing an overall safety concern for residents who have children or grandchildren in the area.
 - (5) Concern expressed about horses and manure issues being managed.
 - (6) Concern expressed about: no wake violations, trash, unlawful and inappropriate activities - for example: drugs, underage drinking, and/or site becoming attractive as a late-night hangout spot.
 - b) Blight: Hunt advised a property has been cleaned up to Township satisfaction (180th/Garfield). Township attorney needs decision on whether Board plans to pursue recovery of its costs, including legal fees, to bring resolution or does it want to dismiss the claim against the owner now that cleanup has been finished. Gustman stated the property may have transferred to a new owner and raised question if that is true, can we bring action against the original claimant/owner. Hunt will research. Matter tabled until next month.

- 9) New Business:
- a) Wendy Rossiter reappointed to 3-year term on Planning Commission. Motion by Deater, Supported by Gustman. I/F 5-0.
 - b) Budget Amendments:
 - i) Clerk – increase by \$2000. Motion by Conley, Supported by Gustman. I/F 5-0
 - (1) Conley stated that unexpected costs for sending out new voter ID cards to all registered voters due to Michigan redistricting, and the cost to upgrade QuickBooks resulting from support for the version we were using being discontinued both led to the needed budget amendment.
 - ii) Elections – increase by \$500. Motion by Deater, Supported by Budde. I/F 5-0
 - (1) Conley noted the Elections expense budget does not reflect the reimbursement credit received from Muskegon ISD school election of over \$1700 as that amount is included in income according to State Township bookkeeping requirements. If these were combined, an amendment would not be required.
 - iii) Board of Review – increase by \$500. Motion by Conley, Supported by Budde. I/F 5-0
 - (1) Amendment primarily to allow for expenses related to training in the current year.
 - c) Road Work “Wish List” priorities for submission to Oceana County Road Commission:
 - (1) Roosevelt – Maple Island to 192nd: Hunt will investigate availability of any grant funding, and Gustman will investigate borrowing options. Conley will review law related to borrowing.
 - (2) Cleveland – Maple Island to 200th
 - (3) Arthur – 160th to 168th
 - (4) 168th - Can we get grant funding (Sparks still available?) on Pines Point Road from Garfield to Arthur.
 - d) MTA Book - Board of Assessment: Gustman will purchase this book for Board review which covers Township Board responsibilities as it relates to assessing. All Board members should read.
- 10) Committee Reports:
- a. Fire Board meeting minutes were presented by Deater.
 - b. Library board meeting minutes were presented by Holcomb.
- 11) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries:
- a) Oceana County Planning Commission Master Plan Survey received.
 - b) Zoning Ordinance Summary of Revisions received from Holcomb. Next step is pending County’s approval.
- 12) Bills & Payroll: Review & Authorization to pay as Amended to include payments to: Hi-lites for BOR ad, Republic for December trash services, and Rose and Novak for fees related to blight claims. Motion by Conley, Supported by Budde. I/F 5-0
- 13) Board discussion/comment:
- a) 2023 Budget workshop – Hunt said to prepare for budget special meeting to be held 2/21 9:00 AM.
 - b) Internet Southeast Greenwood Township – Resident inquiry: Conley asked if anyone had suggestions for resident located on West Skeels just East of Skeels Creek. Suggestions offered were NCATS and Starklink.
 - c) ARPA report due in April per Hunt
- 14) Meeting adjourned: Motion by Deater, Supported by Budde I/F 5-0

