



GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES 4/10/2023 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, Deater, Gustman, Budde & Conley. Absent: None**
- 4) **Public Comment:**

State Forest Service - The following individuals from the State Forest Service were in attendance to present to the Board: Mark Herberger, Jake Lubera, District Ranger, and Dave Jaunese, Recreation Planner. Lubera presented proposed plans to add ORV recreation trails, roads, and designated campsites in Greenwood, Otto, and Grant Townships. A map of proposed plans for Greenwood Township was provided to the Board and is on file with the Township Clerk. The following details were provided: Law enforcement has asked the Forest Service for help indicating more roads and designated campsites were a need in the townships to assist with reduction of incidences of illegal trespassing on public and private lands which is currently prevalent, as well as natural resource damage, increased homeless activity, public dumping, trash in firepits leading to firepit expansion beyond designated areas, etc.

Questions/Comments on the State Forest Service proposed plans:

Conley inquired about funding – Lubera responded total funding is yet to be determined; however, it is anticipated to be funded through grants and similar opportunities as well as funds from the Forest Service recreation budget.

Marcia Woods inquired as to who, or if, there would be monitoring to ensure compliance and trash pickup, etc., to which Jaunese responded that the Forest Service employees would continue to monitor and patrol as they do now, although not full time.

Deater: offered suggestions for a potential canoe/kayak take out off 160th and for improved river access at Pines Point, and potential for free parking for residents. The canoe/kayak takeout was well received; however, Lubera indicated free parking isn't realistic at this time especially as related to a specific township.

- 5) **Agenda** was approved as amended: Motion by Budde, Supported by Deater. I/F 5/0

6) Minutes:

a) from the regular board meeting 3/13/2023 were approved as presented. Motion by Budde, supported by Gustman. I/F 5-0

b) from the budget meeting 3/13/2023 were approved as presented. Motion by Gustman, Supported by Budde. I/F 5-0

7) Treasurer's report of 3/31/2023 was approved as presented. Motion by Budde, Supported by Deater. Gustman also distributed the quarterly report. I/F 5-0

- a) Fund Balance = \$442,750.68
- b) Restricted Funds: Folkema - \$10,202.31 and ARPA - 124,265.23
- c) Balance Available for Township Operations = \$308,283.14

8) Old Business:

Ordinance Flood 2023-001 was revised; Number **2023-001-A** has been assigned to the revised Ordinance. Motion by Conley, Supported by Budde. I/F 5-0

9) New Business:

a) Zoning Board of Appeals Member: Steve Stroven was appointed to the ZBA. Motion by Hunt, Supported by Conley. I/F 5-0

b) Mowing Bids: One bid received from Dennis David at \$55 weekly for the Township Hall and Taylor Bridge properties. Motion by Hunt to award the contract to David, Supported by Deater. I/F 5-0

c) Notice of Policy change was received indicating a PFAS exclusion under our current policy.

d)BSA training for Treasurers – Gustman: request for approval to attend class prior to July tax season. The cost will be divided between all attendees and is estimated to be \$100 or less each. Motion to approve by Budde, Supported by Deater. I/F 5-0

10) Committee Reports:

a. Fire Board: No minutes to present as the next meeting is this week on 4/12/23.

b. Library Board: meeting minutes of 3/21/23 were presented by Holcomb.

c. Planning Commission: minutes of 4/4/23 were presented by Holcomb. Commission would like to meet on their off month to work on updating the Master Plan. The Commission will update the Board on progress each month. **Motion** by Conley to approve the extra meetings, Supported by Budde. I/F 5-0

11) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries received:

a) Newfield Township Recycle program: A meeting at the Newfield Hall will take place April 18th @7 PM. Gustman, Deater & Hunt have committed to attending and will provide the Board with an update. Conley reminded the Board that Greenwood Township submitted a letter of support, without a funding commitment, when the Grant application supporting the recycling program was submitted.

11) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries received CONTINUED:

- b) **Woolly Adelgid:** A Hemlock invasive species – DNR notice advising to plan now for spring treatment.
- c) **State of MI – Department of Licensing** – Certificate of compliance related to Liquor control code enforcement. Gustman stated she submitted the response on behalf of the Township.
- d) **MTA - 2023** Annual Meeting Notice
- e) **NCATS** - Customer Service Survey
- f) **WSESD – West Shore Education Service District** inquiry for members interested in receiving bi-weekly newsletter by email.
- g) **Oceana County Land Bank Authority** – hosting an introduction to the Blight Elimination Grants available through the State of MI and the State Land Bank Authority.
- h) **EGLE** - Natural River Permit W2022008U – notice of revision to the permit issued to the Road Commission related to work on 194th over Brayton Creek bridge.
- i) **MTA Oceana County Chapter** - Bylaws
- j) **County Administrator** – workforce development survey
- k) **EGLE** – copy of Permit WRPO37042, Roosevelt Road over Swinton Creek – replacing existing culvert.
- l) **MI Treasury** -30-year Infrastructure Strategy Survey

12) Bills & Payroll: Review & Authorization to pay as amended to include payment to Rose & Novak for \$120.00 Motion by Gustman, Supported by Conley I/F 5-0

13) Board discussion/comment: Deater asked if the Taylor Bridge Landing fencing which is falling into river is going to be repaired. Deater stated that it is actually the handrail on the South Side of the canoe/kayak takeout that is at issue. Hunt stated he will handle it.

14) Meeting adjourned: Motion by Deater, Supported by Conley I/F 5-0 at 8:20 PM

APPROVED
Lisa Conley