



GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

10/9/2023

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, Deater, Conley Absent: None
- 4) Public Comment:
 - a) Joan David, Supervisor Newfield Township:
 - i) Advised the Recycle Center is open for use by Greenwood Township residents. The hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 AM until Noon. There is no cost, but donations are accepted. Notices/flyers for distribution to residents were provided. Joan reported they have served approximately 72 people to date and have received a lot of interest including from Greenwood Township residents. Currently participation has been approximately 60% Newfield, 30% Village and 10% other area residents, the Village is contributing ~~\$1800~~ a total of \$1800 for the entire operating year toward the overall estimated cost of \$3019/month, some residents have made donations, Denver Township has not made a financial contribution yet. Contact Nancy Conley, Newfield Clerk, if willing to volunteer to help staff.
 - ii) Newfield Master Plan – Joan noted she has received interest in their Master Plan from Greenwood Township. Joan reported that Newfield is working on an update to their master plan, have hosted townhall meetings to receive input from their residents and have also used questionnaires. They estimate it will take approximately 2 years to complete the update.
 - b) Gary Evans asked why the Greenwood Township Master Plan is being updated. Holcomb advised it is a legal requirement to update every 5 years, that laws have changed, and new issues have surfaced to be addressed such as solar energy farms.
- 5) Agenda was approved as amended with a motion by Hunt, Supported by Deater. I/F 5-0
- 6) Minutes from the regular board meeting 9/11/2023 were approved as presented with a motion by Gustman, Supported by Deater. I/F 5-0
- 7) Treasurer's report of 9/30/2023 was approved as presented with a motion by Conley, Supported by Budde. I/F 5-0. Gustman also reported the purchase of two CDs at rates of 5.15% and 4.0%, and that we have another CD maturing in November that will need to be addressed and is dependent on when ARPA funds will be spent.
 - a) Fund Balance = \$435,412.39
 - b) Restricted Balances = ARPA 125,919.12 Folkema \$10,203.83
 - c) Balance Available for Township Operations = \$299,289.44
- 8) Old Business:
 - a) ARPA Commitments – review by Hunt to ensure our funds/projects have been properly reported and committed as required under the terms of the program is tabled until next month.
 - b) Spark Grant Application was denied.
 - c) Master Plan Update progress – overview provided by Holcomb: anticipates being able to provide a project timeline following their November meeting.

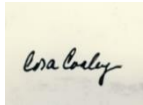
Old Business Continued:

- d) Tire Recycling Grant Program: Hunt reported his review of the application and found the nature of the program not to be of benefit to our township and it will not be pursued.
 - e) Trail Camaras for Dump Site: Hunt reported he is working to source at reasonable cost. There was discussion of illegal dumping in the National Forest and clean up. Gary Evans commented that there are requirements involved in any cleanup as it may be considered of archaeological nature.
 - f) Street Sign Replacement: Hunt reported he's working to purchase and replace missing signs.
 - i) Deater reported he received complaints about heavy truck traffic on Roosevelt causing damage to the road and asked if the Township could put up "No Truck Route" signs. Holcomb stated he believes the township can have an ordinance restricting certain activities including truck traffic. Hunt asked Joan David if she had experience with this. She agreed with Holcomb and stated the sign must include Ordinance No. Hunt will contact the road commission for their input and next steps. Gustman suggested the special use permit for the sawmill located near Roosevelt could have had a provision to establish a "no truck route".
 - g) Special Assessment District vs. Fire Millage – Update: Conley will order the "How To" book for implementing a special assessment district for further consideration by the Board.
 - h) Skofic: the term for cleanup has expired. Hunt visited the site and found it is still noncompliant. The Township now has the right to contract to have it cleaned up and Hunt will pursue bids. Motion by Hunt, Supported by Conley. I/F 5-0.
- 9) New Business:
- a) Land Grant Opportunity – Walker (resident): is interested in pursuing assistance in demo and cleanup of a structure on his property. Hunt will research and get back to the board with next steps.
 - b) Deputy Hours: Motion by Conley, Supported by Deater approving up to 10 paid hours for work on the November 7, 2023, special school election. I/F 5-0
 - c) Snowplow contract: Hunt will place ad for bids.
- 10) Committee Reports:
- a. Fire Board meeting minutes of 9/14/2023 were presented by Deater.
 - b. Library board meeting minutes of 9/19/2023 were presented by Holcomb. Holcomb informed the Board that our appointment of an alternate board member is not authorized by the By-laws of the Library agreement.
 - a. Gary Evans commented he would like to see better representation/marketing for Southern Greenwood Township including Fremont and Holton School Districts. He feels these residents are underserved in terms of marketing and informing of the services, events, and opportunities available to them at the Hesperia District Library. Holcomb agreed to obtain information we can begin to share on our website and in our newsletters. The Board agreed to table this topic and discuss again next month.
 - c. Planning Commission meeting minutes of 10/03/2023 were shared by Holcomb.
- 11) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries Received:
- a) Loss control visit report from Michigan Municipal League.
 - b) Newfield Township's notice of the Recycling Center opening.
 - c) County Master Plan and Map notice of master plan update seeking review and input.
- 12) Bills & Payroll: Review & Authorization to pay was approved with a motion by Conley, Supported by Deater to include payment to Republic for garbage and dump services, and to Rose/Novak for legal fees. I/F 5-0

13) Board discussion/comment:

- a) Inspection reports – Special Use Permit status updates were shared by Holcomb: inspections were completed by Rick Mansfield, Zoning Administrator.
- b) Bulletin Board outside the Township Hall will be replaced – Hunt is handling.
- c) MTA Local Chapter Meeting will be held at the Township Hall on November 29, at 6:00 PM. Hunt and Conley will take responsibility for the arrangements. Hunt asked Joan David how membership dues are paid. David reported that the registration fee for BOR members attending the Golden Township BOR training covers the MTA local chapter membership cost.

14) Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM with a motion by Hunt, Supported by Deater. I/F 5-0



Lisa Conley



APPROVED