

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

February 6, 2017

Approved Minutes

Supervisor, Jesse McClaughry, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken: Jess McClaughry, Linda Bailow, David Lawrence, Barbara Ferret and James Korman were all present. There were also sixteen visitors. A motion made by Dave Lawrence/ Barb Ferrett to accept the agenda with the addition of public comment time under unfinished business and clerk's software and rubbish correction under new business. M/C.

Community Reports:

Karen Lipovsky, County Commissioner, presented her report. She was elected chairperson on the commissioners for the year. Reports show that there is a decrease in the gypsy moth population in Greenwood Township however, there is growing concern about Oak wilt throughout the County. A resident asked where moth containers can be obtained and where can they be disposed of. The next commissioner's meeting will be held Friday at 9a.m. and the budget will be discussed. Nancy House, library delegate, presented the usage report and stated that there is a new board member, Mike Haley, from Hayes Township. She also presented fliers for upcoming events at the library. Dave Lawrence will let people know when the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be via e-mail when he is able to confirm a date. It will be in March. He also told of the tour of the jail and that all enjoyed the tour and found it very interesting. Lori Martin, Clerk/Register of Deeds, thanked all for all the support she received for the election and spoke of the new voting equipment the State will be looking at for use by the 2018 primary election.

A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to approve the minutes with the correction under Opening Comments to read those who choose to homestead in Greenwood Township set priorities. M/C.

A motion made by Barb Ferrett/Linda Bailow to accept the treasure's report as presents. M/C.

Unfinished Business:

The supervisor has made some calls about the streetlight for Finley Lk. And M61. We have not received an invoice however the light should be put up by the end of March. He also called the road commission about a large pot hole at that area. Dave has picked up the new billboard for the hall. He plans to build a structure for the sign and have it ready to install in the spring. He will possibly have a pre-design of what the finished sign may look like for our next meeting. He is looking for cedar trees to use for the posts. The sign looks great and new letters came with the sign for the message board. The new flag is up. The new flag is much heavier than previous flags. Discussion about replacing the assessor. That contract expires June 1. 2017. A motion by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett to move forward in looking for a replacement. M/C. There is someone local to look at as well as surrounding areas. A special meeting will be held, with proper notice, to hold interviews. A motion made by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence to approve the Policy Regarding the Public Inspection of Property Assessment Records. M/C. The blight issue at Finley Lk and Lily Lk was discussed. The supervisor will speak with our attorneys to draft/send a letter to the home owner about the issue. The IRS has again sent a letter requesting more time. There will be a meeting Feb 16th with a representative to discuss equipment for the pavilion and also assist in writing to apply for grants for the project. No time has been confirmed for the meeting. A motion made by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett to approve the revised Public Comment Policy. M/C.

New Business:

Snow plowing the cemetery was discussed. Dave Lawrence stated that he will take care of that for the township at no charge other than the cost of gas for his equipment. A motion made by Barb Ferrett/Linda Bailow to accept his offer. M/C. A budget workshop will be held on February 22 at 10 a.m. to discuss the 2017-2018 budget. Linda Bailow mentioned the new voting equipment and the meetings she will be attending for discussion & demonstrations of new equipment. Contracts that expire April 1st were announced. Art Ferret would like to continue with his contract and presented his bid to the board. A motion was made to accept his bid to continue taking care of the cemetery and township hall for 2017-2018. M/C. Hall cleaning and library delegate are also due for re-newel. The assessor's contract will expire June 1, 2017. The supervisor has received a new blight complaint and has checked on this. A motion by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence for the supervisor to send a letter to the property owner regarding the complaint. M/C. The recording of meetings is allowed and Linda Bailow stated that anyone wishing to record is welcome to have their recorder at the front table. The reimbursement for mileage has been changed to .53 per mile from .58. A rubbish correction for property owner Dan Schwartz, parcel 006 009 400 13 has been charged for two rubbish assessments. A motion by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to change the assessment to one parcel (bringing it from \$230 to \$115). M/C. Linda Bailow has been looking into changing the software used for the clerk. A motion by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett for the clerk to proceed with the change providing the cost is less than \$1,500.00. M/C.

Public Comment:

Resident asked about the street light for Finley Lk. And M61 and thanked the supervisor for working on this.

Correspondence:

Bringing was discussed after receiving information from a bringing company. Cost for brining is a big factor and Dave will check further on this. The monthly sheriff report was present.

A motion made by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence for the board to go into a closed session. A roll call vote was taken: Barb Ferrett, yes, Dave Lawrence, yes, Jesse McClaghry, yes, Linda Bailow, yes, Jim Korman, yes. The board went into closed session at 8:20 p.m. Board members returned to the open meeting at 8:45p.m. A motion made by Jesse McClaghry/Dave Lawrence to approve the recommendation of our attorney in regards to the pending litigation. M/C. A roll call vote was taken: Jim Korman, yes, Linda Bailow, yes, Barb Ferret, yes, Jesse McClaghry, yes, Dave Lawrence, yes. Linda Bailow will contact the attorney with the boards' decision.

A motion by Dave Lawrence/Linda Bailow to pay the bills. M/C.

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett. M/C.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Linda Bailow

Clerk

