

# GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

**February 1, 2016**

**Approved Minutes**

Supervisor, Lester Vida, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call taken, all members present: David Lawrence, Lester Vida, James Korman, Barbara Ferrett and Linda Bailow. There were 17 visitors. A motion made by Lester Vida/Jim Korman to accept the agenda with the additions of Sheriff Patrol and Jenkins hall rental under new business and George Gilmore under community reports. M/C.

## **Community Reports:**

Karen Lipovsky, County Commissioner, gave an update on the commissioner's meetings. The county building will no longer close for snow days when the schools close unless ordered by the State Police. Nancy House, Library Delegate, presented the usage report and updates on library information. Magazines will be able to be up-loaded free of charge to library card holders as of May. Barb Ferrett explained that after speaking Jerry Baker, Emergency Management for Clare County, that the Red Cross would provide cots and necessary items if in fact our township hall was needed in an emergency. Dave Lawrence let all know that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7:00pm. Mr. George Gilmore gave a short background of himself and announced that he is running for the position that Joel Johnson now holds, State Representative.

A motion to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Board Meeting was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman. M/C. Dave Lawrence presented the treasure's report. A motion by Linda Bailow/Barb Ferrett was made to accept the report as presented. M/C.

## **Unfinished Business:**

It was noted that board members Dave Lawrence, Linda Bailow and Jim Korman met with the sheriff to look over the proposed noise ordinance. The sheriff and under-sheriff were pleased with the way it was written. We, the board, will send a copy to our attorney to look over before it is published. A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett to table discussion on the Lily Lake No-Wake Ordinance. M/C. The clerk explained that the insurance claim for the storm damage done to the cemetery and township hall has been taken care of and check received. Payment for the first clean up that needed to be done was considered our deductible payment.

## **New Business:**

After hearing two different attorneys, the board chose a new firm to represent Greenwood Township. A roll call vote was taken. Poznak Law firm: Lester Vida, aye, David Lawrence, nay, Barb Ferrett, nay, Jim Korman, aye, Linda Bailow, nay. Fahey Firm: Linda Bailow, aye, Jim Korman, nay, Barb Ferrett, aye, Dave Lawrence, aye, Lester Vida, nay. A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Linda Bailow to have Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes PLC be the firm to represent Greenwood Township. M/C. The clerk will contact Mr. Fahey to let him know that we would like for him to be the Greenwood Township Attorney. Dave Lawrence suggested that the supervisor, Lester Vida, contact Mr. Dryer to let him know that we will no longer be using his services. The supervisor said he would take care of this. Linda Bailow discussed that some amendments had to be made to the current budget. A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Linda Bailow to amend the clerk's budget. To \$20,000 M/C. A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett to amend the treasurer's budget to \$20,500. M/C. A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to amend the cemetery budget to \$10,000. M/C. A budget workshop was scheduled for Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> so the board members can discuss the 2016-2017 budget. A budget hearing is scheduled for

March 7, 2016 at 5:30pm prior to the regular Board meeting. The board members all requested a 4% pay increase for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Barb Ferrett was made to accept the 4% increase. M/C. The clerk read the request submitted by Art Ferrett for an increase in pay for the cemetery/township hall grounds contract. Mr. Ferrett is requesting a \$10.00 per month increase. A motion made by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence was made to grant the increase. M/C. Linda Bailow confirmed to the board members that reservations are made for the Pipeline Safety Program for March 1, 2016. Dave Lawrence spoke about having an extra sheriff patrol during the summer months. He has spoken with the under-sheriff about this and would like to speak with surrounding townships to see if they might be interested in joining Greenwood Township in doing this. The cost would still have to be determined. There was much discussion on this subject and Dave will follow up on this project. Seems to be much interest in doing this. Dave stated that the hall is rented on July 16<sup>th</sup> and that the renters would like to get in on the 15<sup>th</sup> to decorate. There will be minimal charge to them to do this.

**Public Comment:**

Two residents who live on Stockwell between Old State and Finley Lk. Rd. had questions and concerns about how the road is being destroyed by Beckman trucks. Dave and Lester will speak with Depack(sp) from the road commission to see what can be done and if Beckman's is responsible for repairing the road. Nancy House stated the library will be closed February 11<sup>th</sup>. A Greenwood Forest resident asked if there had been any response to the blight issue of the property on Finley Lk. Rd. and Lily Lk. Rd. Lester said he had not heard back from them but would try to contact them again to follow up on this. Barb Pitcavage stated that she thinks the board members to a good job. Pam Mayfield, County Clerk, spoke of the upcoming election March 8, 2016.

Correspondence was read by the clerk. A motion to approve and pay the bills was made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence. M/C.

A motion made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence to adjourn the meeting. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Linda Bailow

Greenwood Township Clerk