

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

January 4, 2016

Approved Minutes

Lester Vida, supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. All members, Lester Vida, David Lawrence, Linda Bailow, Barbara Ferrett and James Korman, were present. There were also thirteen visitors. A motion to approve the agenda with additions under new business (blight letter, BS&A letter and hall rental) was made by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett. M/C.

Community Reports:

Karen Lipovsky, county commissioner, spoke on the issues from their meeting. A rabies clinic will be held on January 13th, only the sheriff, under-sheriff and administrator can view security camera film at this time and money is being designated for up-upgrades to provide adult day care at the senior center. Nancy House presented the library updates and usage report. The library now offers free magazine downloads to those who have library cards. Barb Ferrett gave her report on the local MTA meeting and also the ordinance workshop/class that board members attended. Cris Patterson, attorney from the Fahey law firm gave a presentation as the board is looking to change attorney for the township.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 was made by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence. M/C. Dave Lawrence presented the treasurer's report. A motion made by Barb Ferrett/Jim Korman to accept the report as presented. M/C.

Unfinished Business:

Some discussion on the pending noise ordinance. The board will hold a workshop to discuss and have an ordinance in place for the February meeting. Linda Bailow will call to meet with the sheriff and possibly the judge or magistrate to discuss the legalities of the ordinance. An amended Cemetery Ordinance was presented. A motion to accept was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman. M/C. A rollcall vote was taken, Yeah: Lester Vida, Jim Korman, Dave Lawrence, Barb Ferret and Linda Bailow. Nays: none. The amended Cemetery ordinance was adopted and will be published in the newspaper of record (Clare County Cleaver) in the January 13, 2015 issue. The Lily Lake No-wake Ordinance was tabled until more information becomes available. Probably not until spring before anything happens with this. A Trustee's Pay Compensation Policy was presented. This is to determine what duties/responsibilities are expected of the trustee's and what extra duties requested will be compensated for, with prior board approval. Motion to accept the policy as presented made by Lester Vida/Dave Lawrence. M/C.

New Business:

Discussion on the presentation given by Cris Patterson. Board members are happy but will have presentation from a second law firms give their presentation before a final decision is made. The assessor has asked for a three year contract vs. a one year contract. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Barb Ferret was made to give the assessor a three year contract. M/C. The 2016 fire agreement was presented to the board for approval. A motion by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence was made to accept the contract. M/C. Dave Lawrence stated that we may have to look at a millage for the township to continue to have fire coverage from the city in the future. Damage from the recent wind storm was discussed. The tree at the cemetery and roof of the township hall were damaged and this should all be covered under our insurance. Linda Bailow will speak with the insurance agent on this issue. Some discussion on the township hall being used during an emergency. Barb Ferret will speak with Jerry Becker, Emergency Manager for Clare County on what we can/cannot do for residents and if the Red Cross or county would be will to help with what we decide to do, if anything. The budget will be due before we know if and the board will need

to hold a workshop or two to discuss and form a budget to bring to a budget hearing meeting. Board members will check their schedules to set dates to hold these workshops. The BS&A service contract for the former assessor was up for renewal and noted that we no longer need the service as the new assessor covers their own cost. Dave Lawrence made note the hall is rented on January 10th and the 25th and Lester Vida said that he would be able to close up both rentals. A blight complaint letter was presented to the board. Lester Vida and Jim Korman will go to the property to present the owners with a copy of the township blight ordinance and let them know there was a complaint filed with the township.

Public Comment:

Naney House asked about road work projects to be done in 2016. Dave Lawrence explained that nothing has been said and probably won't be until about April.

Supervisor, Lester Vida asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting at 7:55 and was excused.

Linda Bailow presented the sheriff report for December. Dave Lawrence questioned if there had been any fire reports to the township lately. Linda Bailow said that she had not received and in a few months.

A motion by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to approve bills paid prior to the meeting in the amount of \$146.73 and current bills to be paid. M/C.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dave Lawrence/ Barb Ferrett. M/C Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Linda Bailow
Greenwood Township Clerk