

# GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

November 2, 2015

Approved Minutes

Supervisor Lester Vida called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and all members, Lester Via, James Korman, David Lawrence, Barbara Ferrett and Linda Bailow, were present. There were also 18 visitors present. A motion to accept the agenda with additions under both old and new business was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman. M/C.

## Community Reports:

County Commissioner, Karen Lipovsky, gave her report on what is happening at the county level. She spoke of pay raises for *some* at the county level and sheriff department, a 1.5 million dollar loan to the county for repairs/replacement of the elevators at the county building and about the up-coming rabies clinic at the animal shelter. Nancy House presented the library usage report and computer classed for November. Be sure to check what exactly each class is about before signing up. The library DVD policy has changed, now free to use if you have a library card. The library will also be offering free bus rides to the children who need them to be able to participate in the reading program for kids. Nancy also noted a correction to the October minutes needed to be made as to the purchase of a new site for the historical site. It has not been purchased but in the process of such. Barb Ferret gave her local MTA report. Assessor, Vicki Cushman gave an update of what they have and are doing in the township. It was suggested that the assessor does not have to spend four hours once a month at the township hall as no one has showed up to talk with them. They will however be available if and when needed. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence that the assessors be at the township hall for a few hours/couples days a couple weeks before the assessments go out to answer questions that may come up from residents. M/C. Jim Korman will ride with Brian Cushman to the Amish properties since he know them all very well. Lester Vida asked to ride along to point out some properties in question about building permits. The assessors will be having an AMAR (state audit) this year. Dave Lawrence asked about vet exemptions and a land division for a property owner. Vicki said she would check on this with equalization and get back with him.

A motion made by Jim Korman/Lester Vida to accept the October 5, 2015 minutes with the correction about the library historical site. M/C.

Treasurer, Dave Lawrence, presented the treasurers report adding that he donated \$35 to the road fund in the purchase of the old treasures' computer. A motion to accept the treasures report as presented was made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman. M/C.

## Unfinished Business:

The board once again brought up the need to have a noise ordinance in place. The clerk suggested that the board have a workshop to work on getting some wording and items to be included in the ordinance together to bring to a board meeting. She will contact the members to coordinate dates and times to do this. The Lily Lake No-Wake ordinance was talked about. The supervisor suggest we wait until spring to continue the discussion. Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett made a motion that we form a sub-committee, being Dave Lawrence and Linda Bailow, to further research the issue and to bring all information to the township board. M/C. The sub- committee, Dave and Linda, will also write a letter to lake front property owners asking again for their opinion/vote of an ordinance for the lake. It was noted that this will take a minimum of a few months. The question of proving residency for the purpose of having a cemetery plot was discussed again. In further speaking with MTA, Linda Bailow found that information from the state's

Election Management Portal is legal proof of residency and that the resident (surviving family) carries the burden of proof if they want to argue the issue. Once again the board discussed getting a new attorney to represent the township. The clerk will contact the two she has information from and also check with other townships on who they use and possibly contact one of those to present to our board what they can do for us.

**New Business:**

The BS&A bill for the former assessor was presented and the board will not approve payment and cancel the service. Discussion about the road commission receiving \$10,000 in matching funds from townships next year for gravel or chip and seal projects. We will propose doing Clarence Road. Lester and Jim did the bus tour that the road commission had and there was talk about possibly black top work on Stockwell as Hayes Twp. Thinks they will have the funds to do their portion. A motion was made by Linda Bailow/ Jim Korman to purchase a metal detector for use at the cemetery to locate grave sites. M/C. The treasurer will be in need of postage stamps for mailing out tax bills and the clerk asked that he get 300 for her as she will need postage with at least three elections next year. The township hall is rented for Dec 6 and Dec 8. Dave will not be available on the 6<sup>th</sup> and asked for someone to help out. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Public Comment:**

Pam Mayfield, County Clerk, told of the cost of the special election and the expense that every election is to the county and townships. There was some language/wording on the special transit election and could result in another special election. Three election scheduled for next year, a May election would be a special election. Nancy House commented on the appearance of Cook's Salvage on M61. There is nothing the township can do at this time. A resident asked is there was a spring that ran under Stockwell Rd., ass it is always wet/muddy. Board members have no idea if there is or not. Also asked if there is any state funding available for repairing roads in the township.

Correspondence was read. All five are interested in the ordinance workshop that MTA is presenting and it was approved that all board members will attend the workshop Dec 8<sup>th</sup> on ordinances.

A motion by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett was made to approve the bills. M/C.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Linda Bailow

Clerk