

# **GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP**

**January 6, 2014**

**Approved Minutes**

Supervisor, Lester Vida, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: David Lawrence, Linda Bailow, James Korman and Barbara Ferrett. There were also six visitors in attendance. A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to accept the agenda with the addition of land bank properties and road projects to be added under new business. M/C.

## **Community Reports:**

Barb Ferrett gave her report on the recent local MTA meeting and what local officials had to talk about. She also mentioned that Rep. Joel Johnson was a speaker and talked about the veterans property exempt bill, land lines and what is going on in Lansing.

Karen Lipovsky reminded us that the commissioners meet only once a month now. There were eight properties that did not sell at auction and those properties are located in the White Birch subdivision and will now go to the land bank. Karen asked about trash collection in our township as she is doing some research. The commissioner's have accepted the resignation of the planning commission. There will be a 2% raise for courthouse workers. The county purchased a V-plow snowplow for \$5,619.60. The airport restaurant should be open by spring. Tammy is back in the building department—part time. Mr. Fitzpatrick could possibly become a contracted laborer. There is talk of letting the state take over this position and Karen is against it.

Nancy House was not here to give the library report.

A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to accept the minutes as presented. M/C.

Dave Lawrence gave the treasurer's report. A motion by Linda Bailow/Barb Ferret to accept the report as presented was made. M/C.

## **Unfinished Business:**

Lester Vida stated that the work on the Township Hall sign has been completed. Comments on how good it looks now. Linda Bailow has checked into having a mailbox at the township hall. It would have to be a roadside box. After speaking with the postmaster, all mail has to be delivered to address on the envelope. If someone receives mail by mistake you can put it back in your mailbox with return to sender or please forward to with an address. Linda asked that if anyone receives mail intended for the township to please do this or to call her and she will make arrangements to get the mail. Discussion of the inconvenience having a mailbox at the township hall would be.

**New Business:**

Dave Lawrence stated that there is one parcel in the township that are in the land bank and have been being charged for trash pick-up and asked to take the charge off of the tax bill. A motion made by Barb Ferrett/Jim Korman was made for Dave to remove the trash assessment from the tax bill for these two parcels. M/C. Discussion on purchasing a generator for the township hall. The hall could then possibly be used for a warming/cooling center and shelter in times of emergencies. It was thought that Dave may be able to get a discount being a contractor and he will check this out. Lester will also check prices for a generator and installation.

The snow removal contract for the township hall has been renewed with Stacy Budd.

Dave has talked with Ron Buschong about our gravel project and if there are any paving projects that need to be done. The state and federal governments use to have a program that would bank monies for road projects—they cannot do this anymore. Stockwell Road is a possible paving project and Ron will speak with Hayes Township on the project. Upgrading some of the township roads could be part of our plans. Old State Rd. and Lily Lk. Rd. will need re-surfacing eventually, they are both showing wear from traffic and treating for wintery roads.

Jim Korman will contact Consumers Energy about the street light at Clarencee and M61. With all the power outages of late he figured it better to wait.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Scott Johnson had questions about being charged for three trash assessments when there are only two homes on his properties. Dave explained that the assessor makes these decisions. It was agreed that the supervisor and assessor will go back out and check this issue. Dave told Mr. Johnson he could pay the taxes minus the trash assessment on the parcel until a decision was made.

Linda Bailow read the correspondences that she had received.

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

A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to adjourn the meeting. M/C. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Linda Bailow

Clerk