

# GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

## BOARD MEETING

**March 6, 2017**

**Approved Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by supervisor, Jesse McClaughry, at 7:00p.m. who then led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken, members present: Jesse McClaughry, James Korman Barbara Ferrett, Linda Bailow and David Lawrence. There were also 22 visitors. A motion by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to approve the agenda with the additions of ladies room (large stall), hall rental and ice cream truck under new business. M/C. The supervisor thanked Doug Bailow and Art Ferrett for the extra things they do at the hall, Lester Vida, Miles House and Frank Sprauge for the jobs they did as past supervisor's, Barb Ferrett for always having the "treats" for our meetings and to the board members for their help and support during the transition period of the new supervisor.

### **Community Reports:**

Karen Lipovsky, County Commissioner, stated that the commissioners have started working on the next budget, thinking about reinstating the Planning Commission and asked if we had any comments on that subject to which Jesse stated we did not as the Township does not have zoning, and said the administrator is working on a new County Directory. Nancy House gave an update on library happenings. There was no usage report at this time. Barb Ferrett presented the local MTA report stating that the time for those meetings has been changed to 6:30 p.m. and still the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every other month. She also mentioned that the chapter is looking to have speakers to cover issues/concerns with all townships. Dave Lawrence announced that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. at the township hall.

A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to approve the February 6, 2017 meeting minutes. M/C. A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to approve the minutes of the closed session held February 6, 2017. M/C. A motion to approve the treasure's report as presented was made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman. M/C.

### **Unfinished Business:**

So far there is one person showing interest in doing the assessing for the township and sounds promising. More research will be done and discussed at future board meetings. A motion by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett to accept the resolution from Consumers Energy for the streetlight to go in at Finley Lk. Rd and M61. M/C. The light should be installed within 60 days. Jesse stated the attorneys have sent a letter to the homeowners at Finley & Lily Lk. regarding the blight issue. Jesse has checked the property on Harding and has spoken with the owner who says he will be up here by May 15<sup>th</sup> to take care of the problem. Jess to follow up. Board members met with a playground equipment rep in regards to the pavilion. Looking to have something in mind so that a grant can be applied for in April. Tables, swings and playground equipment are being looked at. Dave Lawrence stated that it looks like the shingles on the pavilion have been repaired. A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to accept the new contract for Art Ferrett to continue caring for the cemetery and township hall grounds with an increase of \$80 per month due to the pavilion area now needing care. M/C. Barb Ferrett abstained from voting. A motion by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman to renew the contract with Arnold "Buster" Vasher to dig graves at the same price as years past. M/C. A motion to renew the contract with Stacy Budd to continue the snow removal contract for the 2017-18 season was made by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett. M/C. A motion by Linda Bailow/Barb Ferrett to renew the contract with Linda Korman to continue cleaning the township hall. M/C. Jim Korman abstained. A motion by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence to give the old phones from the township hall to Lester Vida. M/C. The propane contract for the township hall was discussed. A

bid from Blue Flame was presented (89.9 first fill, 109.9 thru June 2017 and 1.19.9 thru June of 2018). The bid from HD Propane for the coming season is the same as the current contract (1.15.9). The propane contract was tabled until the April Board meeting. A motion by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman to make the necessary correction to the Civil Infraction Ordinance that was adopted in April 2016. M/C.

**New Business:**

There will be a Budget Hearing Meeting Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the township hall to present the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. An ad will run in the Clare County Cleaver this week. Dave Lawrence met with the undersheriff to discuss the contract the township has for extra patrols. The contract will renew on March 31, 2017. A motion by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett to continue with the sheriff contract at a \$5,000 proposed budget. M/C. The Board of Review meeting dates have been published. The organizational meeting is tomorrow, March 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence to change the board meeting day to the first Wednesday of the month from the first Monday of the month. M/C. Reasons given: holidays that fall on Mondays and elections. This will be looked again in a year to determine if it is working out. A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett to approve the transfer of Road Fund monies from Members First Credit Union to Chemical Bank. M/C. The account has been closed at MFCU and a Money Fund account opened at Chemical Bank for the road fund. A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett to approve Linda Bailow receiving her payroll check prior to the next board meeting due her being gone. M/C. Linda abstained. The ladies room has a problem with a running toilet. Suggested that Hilt's be called to check this out. Jesse said he would look at the problem and have it taken care of. The hall is rented on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March from 2-8pm. Dave will open the hall and Jim will close things up. The board will look at increasing the rate for rentals, having one cost for residents and one for non-residents. The hall will continue to be free of charge to government entities. Discussion of an ice cream truck making rounds throughout the township. There are no restrictions.

**Public Comment:**

Barb Pitcavage questioned why government entities rent the hall for free. John Temelko asked if the meeting day change will be published in the paper. Several residents spoke of more blight/animal issues in Greenwood Forest sub as well as clear cut properties in the township. Nancy House asked about lighting on Amish buggies. Lt. Williams from the Clare County Sheriff stated there is no law dictating horse drawn buggies however, he will stop and speak with the Amish Bishop about the concerns of better lighting in darkness and foggy times.

**Correspondence:**

The sheriff report was presented along with other correspondence. The supervisor addressed a letter he had received from a taxpayer, stating the problem has been resolved.

A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to pay the bills. M/C.

A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Linda Bailow to adjourn the meeting. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Linda Bailow

Clerk