

## **GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP**

**September 8, 2015**

### **Approved Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Treasurer, David Lawrence, as Supervisor, Lester Vida was absent (excused). Dave led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Barbara Ferrett, James Korman and Linda Bailow. There were also 12 visitors present. A motion to accept the agenda with the addition of Jeff Lawrence to community reports, road maintenance to unfinished business and election equipment, siren test, Neighborhood Watch, noise ordinance and no wake ordinance for Lily Lake to new business was made by Barb Ferrett/Jim Korman. M/C.

#### **Community Reports:**

Commissioner, Karen Lipovsky gave an update what is happening at the county level. The county IT department is now located in the Sheriff's department. There is a place in Clare now for homeless veterans. Discussion on raises for some department but not the courts. Dave Lawrence had several questions/comments on the subject including issues in the equalization department. Nancy House presented the usage report for the library and the calendar for the month of September. The Historical Annex fell through. Not able to get the property. If anyone knows of available property, please let the library board know. Barb Ferrett gave a report of the last local MTA meeting. Jeff Lawrence, representing Greenwood Forest Sub, discussed blight issues at two properties in the subdivision.(1471 Douglas and 2121 Birch) It was explained to him that the board must receive a complaint in writing to comply with the blight ordinance. Jeff said he would send all board members a letter. He also talked about the drain issue at the Greenwood Forest beach and was told it was a road commission issue. Dave Lawrence also told him that when he receives a water treatment report that he would send a copy to Jeff. Jeff asked to be on the October agenda.

A motion was made by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett to accept the minutes presented from the August 3 meeting with addition that Dave Lawrences' absence was excused. M/C. A motion was made by Jim Korman/Linda Bailow to accept the treasure's report as presented. M/C. Nancy House questioned the difference in interest from MFCU vs. Chemical Bank. Dave explained.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Dave Lawrence has had a long discussion with the road commission about the work, or lack of, that was to be done in the township. The township had given a verbal ok to use \$55,000.00 for the roads this season. Dave told the people at the road commission if the work is not done by October 1, 2015 don't do it this year. Much discussion on the road conditions, brining and repairs. Also, the gravel road for the pavilion, which the road commission was going to do, has been put on hold. The maintenance program has been

horrible this year. Nancy House suggested that we ask a representative from the road commission to attend a board meeting A motion by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence was made to purchase a quilt block for the township hall as part of the Clare County Arts Council grant program. M/C. A motion by Barb Ferret/Linda Bailow was made to go with the Tree of Life pattern. M/C. New computers have been purchased for the clerk and treasurer. The sale of the old computers will be on the October agenda. There is no update on the pavilion and things will be on hold for a while.

**New Business:**

Linda Bailow explained the state choice for new election equipment and timing for mandatory use of new machines. The siren test will be this Thursday. A noise ordinance has to be in place before any complaints can be enforced and an ordinance is passed by the board and goes in to effect 30 days after being published. It was suggested that we advertise when we will be discussing this at a meeting to possibly get more input from residents. An ordinance for a no wake rule on Lily Lake was discussed. The board will look at this further. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be September 15 at 7pm. Possibly doing a Christmas get together for neighborhood watch this year.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Barb Ferrett/Jim Korman. M/C.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Linda Bailow  
Clerk