



GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

9/9/2019

7:00 PM



Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Tom Deater, Sandra Gustman, Ron Stroven, Stacey Budde, Cora Conley

- 1) Approve Agenda as amended - Motion by Stroven **I/F 5-0**
- 2) Approve Minutes:
 - a) 8.12.2019 Regular Meeting - motion by Stroven to accept as presented **I/F 5-0**
 - b) 8.14.2019 Special Meeting ORV Ordinance Review – Motion by Stroven to accept as presented **I/F 5-0**
- 3) Treasurer's report of 8/31/2019: Treasurer requested approval to table the report until next month. Treasurer's files are currently with the auditor and she is unable to reconcile with the Clerk's report at this time. Motion by Conley to table the Treasurer's report until next month. **I/F 5-0**
- 4) Public Comment: (Please limit comments to three minutes)
 - a) Sherriff Mast presented the offense summary for Greenwood Township, a summary of Greenwood offenses as compared to overall Oceana County, and the County jail counts.
 - b) James Kibart asked Sherriff Mast if Meth is a problem. Sherriff reported it is a big problem in the County along with Heroin. He stated he believes it is less of a problem in Greenwood Township than in other townships, but that it is a factor in the offense summary and jail counts. Deater asked what we could proactively do or watch for. Sheriff suggested locking up your vehicles, homes, valuables, etc.
 - c) James Kibart reported he would like to see 184th between Wilke and Skeels, and Wilke Rd. between 184th and 192nd, put on the road improvement plan submitted to the County as 2020 priorities for the Township. He stated a great number of people would benefit based on a residence count of these roads. James also commented on expenses he has incurred (again and again) to pay for repairs to his vehicles caused by damage resulting out of use of these roads. He stated one recent repair bill was in excess of \$900.00.
- 5) Committee Reports:
 - a. Fire board: minutes of the 8/14/19 meeting were presented by Stroven.
 - b. Library board: minutes of the 8/20/19 meeting were presented by Marcia Woods
- 6) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries received:
 - a) MI Treasury Municipal Finance – delinquent 2018 Qualifying Statement (Y/E 3/31/19): Conley stated she checked with the auditor and confirmed this Statement is not due until 9/30/19 and is not delinquent. Upon completion of the audit, the accounting firm will submit the statement on behalf of the township (prior to 9/30) just as has been done in prior years.
 - b) DTE Hearing 9/17/19 at 9:30 AM: DTE requests "Michigan Public Service Commission to approve the reconciliation of its 2018 Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) plan costs and authority to implement revised EWR surcharges."
 - c) MDOT email: ORV Connector Route Process documents received from Michael Brege.
 - d) Citizen Planner Program, Oceana County – educational program flyer received from Kathy Walicki.
 - e) Senator Bumstead responded to Deater's complaint of telephone service outage affecting 41 households which occurred without advance notice to residents. Bumstead's office contacted provider Frontier – with no response. Bumstead's office then contacted the US Rep for telephone service for Western Michigan and learned a switch box panel was knocked out and Frontier did not have a replacement in stock. Frontier had to have a replacement built. Deater commented he was able to get relief on his personal bill (which was billed in full). Regarding Deater's inquiry to Bumstead about a new cell tower in our Township, Deater advised Bumstead said it is not likely to happen in near future due to our sparse population.
 - f) ORV Ordinance – disabled person: Deater shared section of the law that allows for passing of an ordinance allowing disabled persons to operate ORV in township. Conley commented that our current proposed ordinance allows operation by all persons. Holcomb responded we would only need to consider this if we needed to or wanted to expand our current proposed ordinance.
 - g) MTA Regional Workshops: 10/1–10/24 various locations. Gustman advised discount rate expires on 9/17.

- h) MTA 9/17 & 9/18 workshops: “Managing Your Township Team” & “At Your Service: Meeting Township Needs”
 - i) Oceana Road Commission called and requested to be put on the distribution of the Township’s minutes. Conley emailed them and provided the link to the Township’s website.
- 7) Old Business:
- a) Audit: Conley reported the audit should be wrapping up by the end of this week.
 - b) Tree trimming and tree removal status:
 - i) Township Hall – Deater advised that Christian Brothers will be providing a quote.
 - ii) Taylor Bridge - Deater advised that Christian Brothers will be providing a quote.
 - c) Acker Lake fencing is pending excavation work to be performed. Deater has requested quote from Ricks Excavating which has been delayed. Gustman suggested and the rest of the Board agreed that Mike Mayo Excavating should be invited to provide a quote as well. Deater will obtain.
 - d) Public Hearing for the ORV Ordinance - Conley stated the hearing to be held 9/24/19 at 7:00 pm has been published and the required notices were mailed certified mail as required. Deater assisted with the mailing.
 - e) M120 (Maple Island)/Roosevelt Corner – visibility improvements: no update was received from Rick Mansfield. Deater & Kay Ohrling stated they will follow up with Rick Mansfield.
- 8) New Business
- a) Road Improvements 2020: Deater presented Oceana Road Commission’s annual request for our “wish list” which assists the Townships and Road Commission with budgeting. Discussion was held and the wish list created (see attached).
 - b) Deater reported receipt of the 2020 Township match money report from the Road Commission which shows Greenwood ‘s share (of State funds) at \$12,161 / \$24,322 with County’s matching funds.
 - c) Deater stated our 2019 Funds have not been used. Discussion was held on how we might be able to use the 2019 funding yet this year. Deater agreed to call the Road Commission to find out.
 - d) BS&A Tax I & II Classes: Gustman advised that Treasurers are going to need to begin programming and printing their own tax bills as the County is no longer going to do it for them. Treasurers must attend training which BS&A will host. Gustman requested approval to attend. Motion by Deater **I/F 5-0**
- 9) Board discussion/comment:
- a) Brayton Drain mtg. on 8/23/19 attended by Deater who reported the Engineers are still studying options.
 - b) Policy & Procedure Draft provided to each Board member by Conley. Next meeting 9/24 at 5:30 pm.
 - c) Zoning Ordinance workshop meeting scheduled for 10/7 at 2:00 pm
 - d) Zoning permit process review & forms update: Planning Commission will take up this project to review for potential efficiency and documentation improvements.
- 10) Bills & Payroll: Review / Authorization to pay as presented: Motion by Stroven **I/F 5-0**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

