



GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
8/14/2023 7:00 PM



- 1) Call to Order by Stacy Budde at 7:00 PM.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Roll Call: Members present: Budde, Gustman, Conley Absent: Hunt & Deater
- 4) Public Comment:
 - a) Bob Walker Oceana County Commissioner
 - i) Distributed Directories of Oceana County State, County, City & Village offices.
 - ii) Reported on County activities:
 - (1) Commission membership has dropped from 7 members to 5.
 - (a) They have 27 Board Meetings they are required to attend in addition to being present at numerous other meetings of interest in the County.
 - (b) The Five members are stretched thin and suggested that if another re-apportion event comes up, we should participate in an effort to regain the lost member positions.
 - iii) Land Bank - Opportunity for Blight Cleanup: there are Grant funding opportunities available to remedy structural residential blight in the County. Currently, only Crystal Township has taken advantage of the funding. We would need to become members of the Land Bank. The grant funding source is Federal/State ARPA money. Applies to structural clean up only - no garbage, or other similar blight. Landowners must agree and pursue along with the Township. The Township and the Resident work on/submit the applications together. There is a possibility of having to repay the cost if the property is sold in less than 5 years. Also, the property must have lead paint and asbestos inspections. The Land Bank meets once a month. Our County Treasurer is primary contact for this information.
 - b) Acker Lake Weed Control – Gary Evans asked to speak to comments in the minutes he read and to questions he has fielded from residents:
 - i) Early 80s a group at Acker decided the Lake needed treatment. Currently he and Roger Peacock are the committee members handling the project.
 - ii) They apply for a State permit each November.
 - iii) There’s a misunderstanding that the entire Lake can be treated and that it can be treated for ALL weeds, but it cannot. Depending on the type of weed, there are State % controls that determine how much of the Lake can be treated. The only sites that get treated are those where the resident owner has paid the fee.
 - iv) Committee uses Oceana GIS to find new property owners and contact them about participation.
 - v) Cost is allocated based on the number of sites participating.
 - vi) Contractor licensed for weed control and liability is hired.
 - vii) 18 property owners participated in 2023 out of approximately 60 that could have.
 - viii) East side of the lake has not been treated.
 - ix) Property owners also need to rake their sites to work the treatment in to help prevent weeds from returning.
 - x) Fund balance is kept on account and used to pay for the permit and cover any shortfall. (The permit fee total is not known prior to collection of funds from residents.)
 - xi) Would like anyone interested in assuming this responsibility or becoming a member of the committee to contact him.
- 5) Agenda was approved as amended. Motion by Conley, supported by Gustman. I/F 3-0

- 6) Minutes: from the Regular Board meeting of 7/10/2023 were approved as presented. Motion by Gustman, supported by Conley. I/F 3-0

Gary Evans asked if the Board would be reading the minutes. Conley responded that minutes are not read at the meeting but provided to Board members in advance for review. Evans suggested the minutes be available on the Township Website or read at the next meeting in order that residents can be informed prior to each meeting. The Board committed to reviewing and discussing this request.

- 7) Treasurer's report of 7/31/2023 was approved as presented. Motion by Conley, supported by Budde. I/F 3-0.
- a) Fund Balance = \$431,805.13
 - b) Restricted Balance = \$10,203.33 Folkema \$ 125,357.01 ARPA
 - c) Balance Available for Township Operations = \$296,244.79
- 8) Old Business:
- a) Stine – Zoning Permit Status: Gustman stated the check for Stine's permit is still being held by her pending approval of the application. Mansfield (Zoning Administrator) advised her to send the check back to Stine. Stine advised Mansfield it would be another 2-3 weeks before he submits the final application.
 - b) Hallacks Bond Status: Gustman reported the last bonding for this gravel pit operation was in 2019; however, during the past week she noticed a bulldozer there that was loading a dump truck – giving the appearance of being in operation. Mansfield advised he is investigating the activities on request of the Planning Commission and that he has asked Hallacks to appear at the next Planning Commission meeting to report on the operation.
 - c) Mayo: Mansfield reported he is also investigating operations at the Mayo site and has asked Mike Mayo to also attend the next Planning Commission meeting to report on the operation's status.
- 9) New Business:
- a) Reappoint Library board Members: Motion by Conley to reelect members: Marcia Woods and Jamie Holcomb, and to appoint alternate member Gary Evans, supported by Gustman. I/f 3-0
 - b) Election Ballot Drop Box: Conley reported a ballot-specific drop box is available to the township from the State at no cost. She will discuss with Hunt the best drop box option for our facility.
 - c) Fremont Computer Service: Discussion held about cancelling our current "managed service" and changing over to a pay as we go "Break-Fix" basis. Motion to table until the September meeting by Conley, supported by Gustman. I/F 3-0.
 - d) Fire Millage/Special Assessment for 2024: A discussion was held about the Fire Services millage which will need to be placed on the ballot in 2024. Conley suggested there are two options suggested by County Equalization: continue with millage which is subject to Headlee rollback or pursue a Special Assessment district which is not subject to Headlee rollback. Motion to table until the September meeting by Conley, supported by Budde. I/F 3-0
 - E) H&S Draft Audit Report: Gustman has open questions and will pursue response from our auditor. Upon resolution of all open questions, approval will be provided to H&S for finalization. Motion by Conley, supported by Budde I/f 3-0

10) Committee Reports:

- a. Fire Board meeting minutes were presented by Stroven.
- b. Library board meeting minutes were presented by Holcomb.
- c. Planning Commission minutes were presented by Holcomb. Gary Evans asked where and when meeting notices are posted and was advised Regular Board and Planning Commission meeting dates are published annually and available on the website, and special meeting notices are posted on the door at the township hall and on the website in accordance with noticing requirements.

11) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries received:

- a) MTA Meeting Minutes – Gustman attended and reported on the meeting.
- b) FOIA Request/ Notice of Preservation of Records- Yehuda Miler (election records).
- c) 49421 Newsletter: Input was requested by the Village – an opportunity to share our Township’s news.
- d) SLFRF Interim Final Rule has been issued – Board to take further detailed look in relationship to Township’s plan to allocate these funds and spend within required timelines.
- e) HHW & Clean Sweep brochures are available on the table – residents encouraged to use the service.
- f) Metro Fund: Gustman reported State made an error in their May 2023 distribution resulting in overpayment which will be corrected by adjusting (reducing) our next distribution.
- g) DTE Hearing Notices: 3 different video conference hearings - Aug 15, 17 & 24th. See Gustman if interested.

12) Bills & Payroll: Motion authorizing payment was made by Conley, supported by Budde. I/F 3-0

13) Board discussion/comment:

- a) Reminder/ September 9th Dump Day: 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM or until full – 4 dumpsters.
- b) Planning Commission Master Plan update: Board asked Jamie Holcomb, Planning Commission Secretary, to provide an outline of the project plan at the next meeting.
- c) Household Hazardous Waste reminder: in Hart, August 19th.
- d) Early Voting Plans: Conley reported a meeting will be held for Clerks on Wednesday to begin discussions of the options for possible coordination to administer the 9-Day early voting requirements.
- e) Cemetery meeting – a special meeting will be attended by Steve Stroven.
- f) CBT Revenue Sharing Increase – Gustman reminded the Board that by end of 2023 we must have allocated our ARPA funds as per information in the MTA bulletin.

14) Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. Motion by Conley, supported by Budde. I/F 3-0

