



**GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES 9/11/2023 7:00 PM**



- 1) Call to Order by Hunt at 7:00 PM.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Roll Call: Members present – Hunt, Gustman, Budde, Conley & Deater Absent: None
 - a) Public Comment - Steve Stroven:
 - i) Blight complaints were received by and reported by Steve for two properties on Wilke Rd.
 - ii) Cleveland Rd. burned out house – Steve asked if it is going to be cleaned up. Hunt will contact the property owner and will investigate whether this is a Land Bank opportunity.
- 4) Agenda approved as amended. Motion by Conley, supported by Deater. I/F 5-0
- 5) Minutes from the Regular Board meeting of 8/14/2023 were approved as presented. Motion by Budde, supported by Conley. I/F 4-0 (Hunt abstained as he was absent from the 8/14 meeting.)
- 6) Treasurer's report of 8/31/2023 was approved as presented. Motion by Conley, supported by Deater. I/F 5-0
 - a) Fund Balance = \$426,393.65
 - b) Restricted Balance = Folkema \$10,203.59 ARPA \$125,635.93
 - c) Balance Available for Township Operations = \$290,554.13
- 7) Old Business:
 - a) Cemetery: Gary Evans commented that back int the 70's, there was a break-in at the township building and township records were damaged by paint. The Supervisor disposed of all the damaged records which included cemetery records. To further our search of records, Joan David suggested the Hart Historical Society and Gary Evans suggested the Oceana Grange Society. Marcia Woods advised she has not yet performed a search at the Hesperia Public Library.
 - b) Acker Lake Spark Grant update: We have not received a response from the DNR yet.
 - c) Fremont Computer Service: Motion by Deater to continue to use "Managed Service" provided by Fremont Computer (as opposed to "break/fix"), supported by Conley. I/F 5-0
 - d) Master Plan Revision - Planning Commission: an overview was provided by Deater. They have obtained samples from other similarly sized Townships and are reviewing those. They will also use our own Ordinance as a resource. Deater will remind the Planning Commission to prepare a project outline for the Regular Board.
 - e) Hallack's Bond – Hunt checked with insurer and the sand mining bond is still in effect.
 - f) Trail Camaras at the Dump site: Hunt has tested the cell reception service and next step will be to purchase the cameras.

- 8) New Business:
- a) Special Assessment for Fire Millage: The Board briefly discussed this option for our fire millage and tabled it until next meeting. Board members will begin to research.
 - b) Elections: Conley reported there will be a November 7, 2023, Election for Fremont, and Hesperia electors to vote on an NCRESA proposal.
 - c) Early Voting Update: Conley provided an overview of the requirements and the options available to administer the 9 days of early voting for Federal and State elections now required by the State of Michigan. Motion by Conley to consolidate with the County for the Federal and State elections, along with other participating Townships in our County, for each election's 9 days of early voting, and for which the voting precinct is designated as the Oceana County Building at 100 South State Street in Hart. Supported by Deater. I/F 5-0
 - d) Clark Cemetery Appointment: Hunt asked if anyone present had an interest in becoming the administrator for Clark Cemetery. No one expressed interest.
 - e) CD renewal: Gustman reported she will purchase a CD at Choice One Bank pulling funds from an expiring CD and adding to that funds from Shelby Bank Savings to take advantage of the favorable interest rate.
 - f) Minutes: Board discussed and agreed draft minutes will not be read during the regular meeting but will continue to be posted for the public and available on the township's website.
 - g) ARPA Fund Project Commitments: Board discussed requirements related to officially obligating the ARPA fund monies to the planned projects. Hunt and Conley agreed to research the State's requirements to ensure compliance.
 - h) FOIA Request from Pentwater Township: Conley reported on the fulfillment of this request for financial information.
 - i) Tire Recycling Grant: Hunt expressed interest in applying for this Grant and will begin the process. Conley will provide Hunt with potential resource for assistance with the application.
 - j) Bulletin Board (Small): Hunt will repair this sign located next to the building. The board discussed replacing the large sign, which also has maintenance issues, with an electronic one; however, all agreed not to do so at this time due to cost.
 - k) Street signs: Hunt reported there are 10-12 street signs missing in the township and he will replace them at a cost of less than \$500.
- 9) Committee Reports:
- a. Fire Board meeting minutes were presented by Deater.
 - b. Library board meeting minutes were presented by Marcia Woods.
- 10) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries received:
- a) Invasive Species Grant program literature from the DNR.
 - b) Invitation to the Oceana County Housing Needs Assessment Presentation on Sept. 27th at 9 AM.
 - c) MTA Oceana County Chapter notice of meeting to be held at Golden Township on Sept. 27th at 6 PM.
- 11) Bills & Payroll: Review & Authorization to pay as amended to include payments to: HS Companies for \$5500.00, Rose & Novak \$1266.00 and EGLE \$50. Motion by Conley, supported by Deater. I/F 5-0

12) Board discussion/comment:

- a) Dump Day overview provided by Steve Stroven: residents came earlier than the scheduled opening and by end of the day, all 4 dumpsters were filled. Help from a resident Vasicek was appreciated - using his bucket/tractor for gravel and compacting the refuse allowing for more space for refuse collection.
- b) Acker Lake Site – Project Update by Hunt: Hunt contacted DNR and learned we cannot change catch limits on the Lake. As part of the overall improvement project, it's likely signs such as in reference to sportsmanlike fishing, which have been requested by the public, would be posted and that security cameras are being considered as well. It is unlikely the site will be closed in the winter, but that decision will be made later. Angel Flokstra commented that they have had their home on the Lake for 5 years and have witnessed the Lake being heavily fished in the winter causing a large drop in the fishing opportunities for everyone. She stated that due to warm temperatures last winter, access to the Lake and fishing was limited and they have noticed a significant increase in the fish population this season. Hunt stated that in the Grant application submitted, the recreational opportunity on the Lake in the winter was named as a specific benefit; therefore, if Grant funding is received, we would not be able to close the site in the winter. Decisions related to the improvements and public requests are tabled by next month.
- c) Assessor recertification: Hunt will follow up with our assessor on her recertification plan and progress.

13) Meeting adjourned: 8:50 with a motion by Hunt, supported by Deater. I/F 5-0

