



**GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
6/10/2024 - 7:00 PM**



- 1) Call to Order @ 7:00 pm by Hunt
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- 3) Roll Call: Members present / absent
  - a) Present: Gustman, Hunt, Conley, Deater
  - b) Absent: Budde
- 4) Public Comment ( Limit to Three Minutes )
  - a) Brian Woods asked about 194th Ave, why is the road still closed when no work has been done in over 2 weeks. Hunt replied that it has to do with the guard rails not being done.
- 5) Approve agenda: As amended, motion by Hunt, 2nd by Deater IF 4-0
- 6) Approve minutes from the regular board meeting 5/13/2024 as presented, motion by Hunt, 2nd by Conley IF 4-0
- 7) Treasurer's report of 5/31/2024 Approved as presented, motion by Conley, 2nd by Deater IF 4-0
  - a) Fund Balance = \$556,127.90
  - b) Restricted Balance = \$189,921.77
  - c) Balance Available for Township Operations = \$366,206.13
- 8) Old Business:
  - a) Acker Lake update - No work has been done. We are on the agenda with Delia to get the stumps out of there, Hunt to follow up on that. Hunt will get a fence estimate from Steve Seng. Mayo and Mansfield to give estimates on grinding the top of the driveway to decrease the slope some. Gary Evans commented that the lake was sprayed (for weeds) on May 23rd. Hunt followed up with EGLE on permit to put cement in for boat launch; however, no response to date.
- 9) New Business:
  - a) Board Members/Planning Commission members - Hunt would like to possibly get an ad in the paper looking for a Clerk and Treasurer. Gustman asked if it's legal to put an ad in the paper until the position is actually vacant. Joan David (Newfield Township Supervisor) commented that the current Clerk and Treasurer could run and hire a deputy to do all the work. Actually placing an ad was tabled in favor of getting more information about the legality of doing so.
  - b) Clark Cemetery - \$500, motion by Hunt to raise the budget by \$500 and pay that additional amount , 2nd by Deater IF 3-1
  - c) Township Credit Card - Conley wanted to begin the conversation to move charges from her personal credit card to another credit card potentially one owned by the township.
  - d) Purchase of Treasurer computer - Gustman's computer is on the glitch again, she dropped it off at Fremont Computer, Luke thought he could fix it but isn't having much luck. Gustman is asking for a budget to get a new computer if Luke cannot fix the old one. Motion by Hunt for Gustman to purchase a new computer not to exceed \$1,000, 2nd by Gustman IF 4-0
  - e) Split Fee Charges - Motion by Hunt to establish a Property Split Fee of \$50, after discussion this was tabled. Research needs to be done to see if there is a resolution for this already as there was a fee collected when Mark was the assessor.

10) Committee Reports:

- a. Fire Board meeting minutes – Stroven commented that the meeting hasn't yet occurred, it will be next week.
- b. Library board meeting minutes - Holcomb presented
- c. Planning Commission- Holcomb presented

11) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries

- a) Opdike Land Co / Crain City - We received a call from Diane Herin from the Oceana Historical Society trying to find information for their client/customer about the Opdike Land Companies fraudulent advertisement and sale of land back in the late 1800's early 1900s in the Hesperia area in Greenwood Township that was supposed to be a quaint village called Krain City. They are interested in information about members of the Opdike Land Co & any other details available. It was stated that there was a short description about this history in the current Master Plan.
- b) Spectrum/Charter - We received an email with information about Spectrum's work in the township that was forwarded to the board members which includes email contact for inquiries related to hookup: [spectrumruralexpansion.com](http://spectrumruralexpansion.com)

12) Bills & Payroll: Review & Authorization to pay, motion by Conley, 2nd by Deater IF 4-0

- a) includes \$100 payment to MTA for Election Training for Cora
- b) Additional Invoice - Spectrum \$391.30 for election supplies

13) Board discussion/comment:

- a) Blight update - what is the status on the property that we went to court with and initially lost? We haven't gone anywhere with the ones we were in process with. Hunt stated we would need to start over now and issue the citation. It's time to get back to the ones we put on hold.
- b) Cemetery update - It was brought up that we want to keep this in the forefront to get our cemetery cleaned up and looking nice and get a plaque for a memorial. Holcomb mentioned that it was brought up some time ago that we may want to inquire with GVSU or MSU about having one of their departments come out and do x-rays or scanning of the cemetery to find out what exactly is out there. There is currently no documentation about who is buried out there and there has been a lot of vandalism and desecration of burial plots in the past.
- c) FOIA - there was a request for property tax assessment, Sandy fulfilled the request.
- d) Household Hazardous Waste - Conley asked if there is something we could do to help our residents participate more, like collecting here and we transport. Deater mentioned that as part of the Planning Commissions work on the Master Plan Waste Management was a focus and goal. This could be included in that in the future.

14) Meeting adjourned @ 8:32: Motion by Hunt, 2nd by Deater IF 4-0

Approved by:

*Jamie P Holcomb*