



**GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
9/9/2024 - 7:00 PM**



- 1) Call to Order by Hunt @ 7:00 pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- 3) Roll Call: Members present / absent
 - a) Present: Budde, Gustman, Hunt, Deater
 - b) Absent: Conley
- 4) Public Comment (Limit to Three Minutes)
 - a) Gary Evans - commented on Spectrum, he really likes the response of the internet. He's had it now for a little over a month and couldn't be happier
 - b) Anna Rapa -introduced herself, said that she is currently running for probate judge, she works for the current judge who is retiring and explained that the best thing she learned from him is to listen. She has extensive experience in the judiciary and feels she would be a good judge.
- 5) Approve agenda: As amended Motioned by Deater, 2nd by Budde IF 4-0
- 6) Approve minutes from the regular board meeting 8/12/2024 as presented Motioned by Deater, 2nd by Gustman IF 4-0
- 7) Treasurer's report of 8/31/2024 Approved as presented Motion by Hunt, 2nd by Deater IF 4-0
 - a) Fund Balance = \$520,480.97
 - b) Restricted Balance = \$191,281.45
 - c) Balance Available for Township Operations = \$329,199.52
- 8) Old Business:
 - a) Acker lake project update - Hunt opened discussion to talk about paying for a fence for the McClernan's. McClernan's are asking for compensation for the trees that were cut down that were common to both properties and for the one post that was snapped in two. They indicated that if the township would just pay for the materials to buy a new privacy fence that would satisfy them with regards to the fence and trees . Reinholds have their septic on the township property also that needs to be decided on.
 - i) Motion by Deater - to purchase a 6' high treated wooden fence and install at the lowest price quoted. Deater rescinded his motion.
 - ii) New motion by Budde to give the McClernan's \$2,000 to purchase the material for a fence that they will be installing themselves. 2nd by Deater IF 4-0
 - iii) Budde and Hunt will visit the Reinhold's on September 24 tentatively, Reinhold's will get with Budde to confirm.
 - b) Krain City Map (purchase copy for the Township & a copy for the Oceana County Historical Society?)
 - i) Deater approached the HiLites to get a copy of this map which he was told they could not do and they didn't know anyone in Fremont that could. It was suggested that he contact The Original Print Shop out south of town in the old roller rink building.
 - c) Roosevelt Road update
 - i) Hunt spoke with the road commission and was told a max 30 days to completion, that puts the completion date at the end of September
 - d) Credit/Debit Card - assign Board Member to obtain information/applications/next steps from banks.
 - i) This was tabled until after the election for the new board to act on

- e) .gov email address change - Holcomb provided an update that the wheels are in motion to get the site pointed to the new address. Once that is complete Holcomb will work on getting .gov email address for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer
 - f) Spectrum Internet - switch from NCATS?
 - i) Discussion was had but tabled to get input from Conley
 - g) Assessment Audit Report - Hunt update
 - i) wasn't as bad as the assessor thought it would be but it was still bad. Everything will be taken care of.
 - h) Unclaimed Property - Gustman
 - i) Gustman went on the unclaimed property website. Found some claims that were on there for Greenwood township totaling \$200.26
- 9) New Business:
- a) Acker Fence price
 - i) Hunt received quotes for fencing on both sides of the drive. Total is about \$10,500.
 - ii) Hunt made a motion to accept ProLine Fencing's quote to do the South side of the drive, Hunt rescinds the motion and tables the fencing
 - b) CDs Maturing - Gustman
 - i) There is a CD to mature 9/10, and others in October and November. Hunt would like to hold on to the money and place them in CD's to earn interest, the Road Commission has stated that as long as they know we have the money we can hold off on paying until next year. Gustman commented that she thought they would do that but that they also charge interest. Hunt will make sure the road commission isn't charging interest on that holding.
 - c) Board Appointment - Gustman to retire October 3rd
 - i) Hunt made a motion to install Melissa Stroven to fill Gustman's place as Treasurer effective October 3rd at 5:01 pm through the end of the term. 2nd Gustman IF 4-0. With this appointment, the signature cards at the following banks will need to be updated to remove Gustman and add Stroven effective 10/4. Shelby State Bank, Huntington Bank, Choice One Bank.
 - ii) Effective October 3rd Melissa Stroven will be Greenwood Township Treasurer and she has appointed Steven Stroven to be her Deputy Treasurer and both will become signatories for Greenwood Township, both Sandra Gustman and James Gustman will be removed as signatories.
- 10) Committee Reports:
- a. Fire Board meeting minutes – Deater presented
 - b. Library board meeting minutes - Holcomb presented
 - c. Planning Commission- Holcomb nothing to present at this time
- 11) Correspondence / Communication Inquiries
- a. Energy Renewal Partner - Will Shirey email (“prospecting for utility-scale solar development in and around Greenwood Twp and other areas of Oceana County”). He requested information about utility scale solar development in our township - said he couldn't find it on our website - Conley sent the email to the full Board and to Hunt for handling.
 - i. Energy Renewal Partner is having a meeting where we can send 3 people. Meeting date is October 8 from 10am - 2pm. Hunt wanted to let the planning commission know about this so anyone that wanted to go could. The information will be relayed to the planning commission.
 - b. Daneman & Associates - Marc Daneman -Letter stating he provided legal representation to us in 1999 involving “zoning and land use enforcement actions”. He's retired and closing his practice. He wants to know if we want the records related to work he did for us. Said he is free under law to destroy them but wanted to offer them to us first. Told Conley he doesn't think there is more than a file box worth. Conley asked if there would be a cost. No response to that, but said he would be coming up this way from Grand Rapids in a few weeks for work in Hart and could arrange to meet at that time. He will provide a date. Do we want these records? If he comes through during the time Conley is gone, another Board member will need to meet him. Motion by Gustman, 2nd by Deater to request those records. IF 4-0

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

13) Board discussion/comment:

- a) September Dump Day on the 14th
- b) FOIA - Requesting 2024 Assessment Data with Building Information (Conley coordinated with assessor Barbie Eaton - cost to provide has been communicated and we are waiting on response from the requester.) If the requester pays the cost, we will provide and Barbie will be entitled to wages related to her time to provide the information (estimated \$40)
- c) Election Commission Meeting - October 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM - will appoint inspectors and chairperson
- d) Preliminary Accuracy Test of Voting equipment will be on 10/30 at 11:30 AM followed by Public Test at 1:30 PM.

14) Meeting adjourned @ 8:33 motion by Hunt, 2nd by Deater IF 4-0

Approved

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James P. Deater". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J".