

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2017

APPROVED MINUTES

Supervisor, Jess McClaughry, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked for a moment of silence for the U.S. in the wake of all the natural disasters affecting the U.S. Roll call was taken, Jess McClaughry, David Lawrence, Linda Bailow, Barbara Ferrett and James Korman were all present. There were 18 visitors. A motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Road Commission, Sheriffs' contract and workshop added to unfinished business and scavenger hunt added to new business was made by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett. M/C.

Community Reports:

Karen Lipovsky, County Commissioner updated the board on actions taken by the commissioner's. Flu shot will be available this Saturday and free food distribution at 11 a.m. at the County building. The County Building inspector is retiring and they are looking for a replacement. Dave Lawrence spoke about the check that was presented to the board from Don Kolander, Clare County Parks & Rec., towards the pavilion & equipment project. Jerry Britton presented the library reports. The summer outdoor concerts were very successful. They have received a \$1800 grant for next year's concerts. A plan of action is in place for funding the new library and the next meeting is October 24th. Dave Lawrence gave an update on the CPR class with the Neighborhood Watch program. The class will be October 23rd.

A motion made by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2017 board meeting. M/C. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman to accept the treasurer's report as presented. M/C.

Unfinished Business:

Dave Lawrence thank the volunteers that help get the new township sign installed and thanked Cooks for help in lifting the sign in place. Lights for the sign are still being worked on. Jess stated the second streetlight at Finley and M61 should be installed by October 20th. The blight problems on Finley Lk. Rd. still remain. Nothing has been done there. Two citations have been issued to the owner of the Maryland property however the property is still a mess. Linda stated that the auditors continue to work on getting the monies owed us from the IRS. Jim and Dave spent time with the road commission looking at problems on Clarence. Nothing is going to be able to be done soon. Talk of possibly out sourcing to help with the problems. The culvert problems on Clarence are due to beaver issues. Possible township help with control. Right now there are no good answers from the road commission as they are over-worked and over budget. Budgeting for next year will be looked into. A motion by Dave Lawrence/Linda Bailow was made to approve a check to the Sheriff Dept for September patrol. M/C. Discussion on having extra patrol during hunting season. A motion made by Jess McClaughry/Dave Lawrence to have extra patrol for two weeks during hunting season. M/C. A date for the Christmas party was chosen. An announcement will be included in the newsletter that is included in the winter tax bills. Dave explained to the public how the check from Don Kolander, Clare County Parks & Rec. came about and what the monies would be used for. Railroad ties and a ramp will be installed. The board will hold a workshop to review the budget on October 26th.

New Business:

A motion made by Jess McClaughry/Jim Korman to make a correction the August 2, 2017 minutes under Public comment. M/C. Extra help for the treasurer at tax time was brought up. This is not an issue. Medical Marijuana was discussed weather to “opt-in or opt-out” at this time. A motion made by Jess McClaughry/Dave Lawrence to do noting at this time. M/C. Rules for the cemetery were discussed and allowing time for leaf and pine needle clean-up. A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett to increase the charge for a winter burial by \$200 to cover the cost of thawing the ground and snow plowing. This will be at the township’s discretion and current conditions. M/C. Linda explained the new I9 form that she has to have on file for all employees. A motion made by Jess McClaughry/Dave Lawrence to allow the Harrison Chamber of Commerce to use our township hall grounds for a stop along the way during a scavenger hunt. M/C.

Public Comment:

Lester Vida expressed his concerns reading a letter from a resident that was not present at the meeting. Barb Ferrett talked about a possible garage sale or picnic in the spring with activities for children.

Correspondence:

The board received a letter from a resident whom asked that the letter be read at the meeting. Supervisor Jess McClaughry stated that he had had correspondence with a representative from the MTA Legal department stating that the letter does not have to read at a meeting and that the author of the letter could read it during public comment. Jess McClaughry then made a motion that the letter be read. No second and the letter was not read.

A motion made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence to approve and pay the bills. M/C. Dave Lawrence suggested that the supervisor read the checks and amounts aloud and he did.

A motion made by Jess McClaughry/Dave Lawrence to adjourn the meeting. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Linda Bailow

Clerk