

Greenwood Township

Board Meeting

June 7, 2017

Un-Approved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by supervisor Jess McLaughry who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken, all board members, Jess McLaughry, David Lawrence, Linda Bailow, Barbara Ferrett and James Korman, were present. A motion made by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence was made to approve the agenda with the additions of anti-blight ordinance and coffee pot added to new business. M/C.

Community Reports:

Karen Lipovsky, county commissioner, was absent. Nancy House presented the usage report for the library and updated happenings at the library. The Surrey House needs to be checked for lead and/or asbestos before moving forward on any renovations. Doug Cobber and Carol Leary are coordinators for fund raising. Lori Martin, County Clerk, stated there will not be an August election but still time to file for an election in November. New voting equipment will be here in August which will mean much training for clerks and election workers. There has been a closed room set up for people needing help with Circuit Court matters. Probate court is hiring and working in the clerk offices is a work study student from Michigan Works. Dave Lawrence informed us that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be June 21st at 7:00p.m.. He is still waiting to hear about the CPR class.

A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to accept the May 3, 2017 minutes as presented. M/C. A motion made by Barb Ferrett/Linda Bailow to accept the treasurer's report as presented. M/C.

Unfinished Business:

There are some shingles on the pavilion roof that need repair. Dave has spoken with the builder to have this taken care of. The new equipment will be shipped between June 7th and 27th arrival by July 7th. A possible community build will be July 15th. Dave will put this information in the newsletter that will go out with the tax mailing to encourage help in assembling the new equipment. It could prove to be a fun time for all at the same time saving the township some money. He is waiting to hear what the next steps are. The Lily Lake Neighborhood Golf Outing may possibly want to use the pavilion for their get together. The new township assessor, Tina Wright was introduced and her contract signed. Two more letters have been sent to residents on blight issues. Jess has spoken with the resident on the problems with the "goat house" and she has said the problem will be taken care of by the end of July. Some things have been done at the property on Lily Lk. & Finley Lk. Two board members, expressed they are opposed to the way the supervisor has been handling a resolution of this complaint. They, the property owners, need to be pushed as to set precedent and this has gone on far too long. A resident has comments on both properties. There is a need to find a way to get things in order.

New Business:

Linda Bailow stated that she is working with AT&T on the township hall phone bill, which is too expensive. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence to increase the hourly rate of any FOIA request from \$10 per hour to \$15 per hour. M/C. Effective immediately. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Barb Ferrett for board member to attend the MTA Professional Development Retreats for all board members. M/C. All board members except Dave Lawrence will attend the event. A motion by Barb Ferrett/Dave Lawrence to purchase a ladder for the township hall. M/C. Jess McClaughry stated that the Board of Review will meet July 18, 2017 from 1-4p.m. He will have the information put in the paper. A motion by Barb Ferrett/Dave Lawrence to purchase a new coffee pot for the township hall. M/C. Barb will take care of this. Jess McClaughry presented the Amendment to Anti-Blight Elimination Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken to approve: "aye": Dave Lawrence, Jess McClaughry, James Korman, Linda Bailow and Barbara Ferrett. "nay": none. The ordinance will be published in the Clare County Cleaver and become effected 30 days after publication.

Public Comment:

Justin Joseph, a resident in Greenwood Forest, present the board with an audio of some of the turmoil going on in the sub. There was much discussion on issues surrounding the subdivision. Another resident asked why board meetings were changed to Wednesdays. It was explained and also stated the decision will be looked again in a year. He also stated the only one side of Finley Lk. Rd. has been brined south of M61. This will be checked out. Also stated that the street light at Finley and M61 does not even shine on the road. Jess said he will look into this.

Correspondence was presented.

A motion made by Barb Ferrett/Dave Lawrence to approve and pay the bills. M/C

A motion made by Linda Bailow/Barb Ferrett was made to adjourn the meeting. M/C

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Linda Bailow

Clerk