



Regular Meeting: Nov. 10th, 2021

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

- Roll Call taken with Jess McClaughry, Dave Lawrence, Rachel Mackson, Gail Garrity, and Laura List in attendance. There were seventeen visitors.

Agenda

- Motion made by Gail Garrity, seconded by Laura List, to approve the agenda as presented.
✓ Motion carried – approved by all Board Members.

Minutes

- Motion made by Dave Lawrence, seconded by Laura List, to approve the minutes as amended.
✓ Motion carried – approved by all Board Members
- Motion made by Gail Garrity, seconded by Jess McClaughry, to approve Bills Paid from the September minutes as amended.
✓ Motion carried – approved by all Board Members.

Statement of Accounts

- Motion made by Rachel Mackson, seconded by Laura List, to approve the Statement of Accounts.
✓ Motion carried – approved by all Board Members.

Community Services:

- Harrison District Library – Nancy House
 - November scavenger hunt now available at the front desk of the library. Once a child finds all the items on the list, they receive a prize.
 - The library phone app is easy to use and patrons can search to see all books available.
 - The latest library flyers are posted on the front page of the township website. [Home | Greenwood Township, Clare County, Michigan.](#)
- Neighborhood Watch – Dave Lawrence
 - Sgt. Dawson had a baby girl on the 27th. Amelia Ann – 8lbs 6oz and 21 inches long.
- County Commission – Bronwyn Asplund
 - Of the three million received this year in ARPA funds received this year, there is \$977,000 left. Part of the funds were used to upgrade the sound system in the court so that the county can resume jury trials.
 - Brownwyn reports that House Bills 4670-76 are not victim friendly – those in prison can be released earlier than ever. She encourages everyone to Contact Rep Wentworth to express your opinion on this or any other issue. 517.379.8962
JasonWentworth@house.mi.gov.
 - Gypsy Moths – In addition to county spraying, individuals can pay to have their land sprayed. Contact the Clare Conservation office to find out details. 989.539.6401
 - The redistricting committee was composed, by law, of the county treasurer, clerk, prosecuting attorney and chairpeople of the democratic and republican parties.
 - Greenwood Township will be with Lincoln Township in District 2 along with small parts of Surrey and Summerfield townships.
 - Current commissioners will stay in office until the 2022 elections after which the newly elected commissioners will take office.
 - The documents and maps are available on [Home | Greenwood Township, Clare County, Michigan](#) and in the shared folder. ([Shared Folder - OneDrive \(live.com\)](#))

- County Clerk – Lori Martin
 - The county redistricting is independent of the state redistricting. After every census, the county must redistrict for county commissioners.
 - A fingerprinting scanner was purchased with funds reserved from concealed carry permits.
 - Election inspector training was held to prepare for next year's elections.
 - New election employee was hired and has been training alongside the soon to be retired employee she is replacing.
 - Of the 4-member Board of Canvassers, three retired when their term expired so there are now three members on the board.
 - Property map books were scanned utilizing the automation fund moneys to make the information more accessible.
 - Files are available online for a fee or for free in the Clerk's office.
 - Lori is pushing to have ARPA county money available for local townships. Applications are available on the county website. ([Welcome | Clare County Michigan](#))

Public Comment #1:

- No public comment offered.

Unfinished Business:

- Township Hall Rentals
 - New rentals booked for 11/14, 12/4, 12/12, and 1/8.
- Road Master Plan/Maintenance
 - Dave Lawrence and Dave Bondie toured the township to inspect the roads.
 - Curve from Finley Lk Rd to Beatrice needs crushed concrete. The road commission will be sending an estimate.
 - The repair for the sink hole on Douglas still needs work.
 - The culverts at the corner of Lily Lake and Douglas were not done correctly and the area floods repeatedly.
 - Clarence Rd, between Finley Lk and Old State also needs repair.
 - The road commission did fix the hole near the corner of Lily Lake and Harding.
 - The 5-year Master plan is more like a wish list.
 - At our current level of funding, we have enough to maintain our roads, but do not have enough funds to do large paving projects such as the Stockwell project very often.
- Christmas Party
 - Dec. 11th from 1-4.
 - Please bring a dish to pass.
 - Meat and table service provided.
 - Nancy House will donate a quilt as a prize.
 - We are looking for other items if anyone would like to donate, please call Rachel at 989.572.0456.
 - This year, we are asking for donations to the Baby Pantry
 - Diapers - sizes 4,5, and 6
 - Pull-ups - sizes 2/3 and 4/5
 - Underwear - sizes 2 thru 8
 - Socks for child shoes – sizes up to 10
 - Donations by Check or Cash
- Meeting Compensation
 - Will discuss later at a workshop
- Isabella Bank
 - Adding the clerk to this bank account is still in process.
- Stripping/Waxing Floor
 - Stripping the old wax off the floor took longer than expected this time.
 - Motion made by Rachel Mackson, seconded by Gail Garrity, to pay an additional \$100 to Lesa Boshears.
 - ✓ Motion carried.
 - Ayes – Jess McClaughry, Rachel Mackson, and Gail Garrity
 - Nays – Dave Lawrence and Laura List

- ARPA
 - Jess attended a meeting on how to utilize the ARPA funds.
 - Townships can pool together money with each other or the county to be used in a larger project.
 - Money can be used to upgrade our recreation equipment for all ages.
 - We can make certain upgrades to the township hall since the hall is identified as an emergency shelter.
 - Moneys can also be spent on Broadband services.
 - Board will be working on a survey so we can determine where in the township internet services are needed.
- Elections
 - We will have to mail out all new Voter IDs in the spring to all voters due to the redistricting.
 - Rachel and Election Manager Nancy House observed the Hayes Township election and began work on plans for the elections next year.
 - Nine Greenwood Township residents completed Election Inspector training through the County Clerk's office.

New Business:

- Bill Payment
 - Statutory Bill Payment Process:
 - Clerk issues the initial (warrant) checks and provides copies of all invoices for review.
 - Board approves the invoices and bills at the regular meeting, which authorizes the treasurer to disperse the checks.
 - (Policy is in place to pay necessary bills between meetings, which the Board authorizes at the next meeting.)
 - Jess asked why this statutory process, explained in detail by the MTA, was not being followed for the Road, Rubbish, and Lily Lake funds.
 - Dave only accepts the opinion of the accountant Mike Cook.
 - Jess, Dave, and Rachel agreed to meet with the accountant.
- Mail
 - Since we do not have a mailbox at the hall, important mail gets returned to sender.
 - Rachel asked for, and received, permission from the Postmaster to place a mailbox in the drive of the township hall.
 - We will begin using the township hall address for permanent mail.
 - Motion made by Jess McClaughry, seconded by Gail Garrity, to purchase and install a locked mailbox for no more than \$300.
 - ✓ Motion carried.
 - Ayes – Jess McClaughry, Rachel Mackson, Laura List, and Gail Garrity.
 - Abstentions – Dave Lawrence
- FOIA
 - True North Law submitted a check for their FOIA request, which Rachel is working on.
 - We have received three requests about election information, so it is a good thing that we have policies in place requiring payment. We could easily become overwhelmed with requests.

Public Comment #2:

- Linda Bailow spoke.

Board Member Comments

- Gail
 - Holiday Light Tour is posted on the website. ([Home | Greenwood Township, Clare County, Michigan](#))
- Jess
 - New county redistricting plan adds two more commissioners – which is an added expense to a county already struggling to meet expenses.

- Laura
 - Gypsy moths were counted at her house, along with everyone else in Greenwood Township. There is a large infestation, and her property did not get sprayed last year. If you have a gypsy moth problem and did not get sprayed last year, contact Melissa Townsend at the Soil Conservation office. 989.539.6401
- Dave
 - Even though dog poop bags are advertised to be biodegradable, they are meant to degrade in the land fill. Please do not leave a bag filled with dog poop in your neighbor's yard.

Township Disbursements

- Approval of Invoices and Bills
 - Payment to the City of Harrison is for our fire contract.
 - Motion made by Jess McLaughry, seconded by Gail Garrity, to approve invoices along with payment of the bills listed below.
 - ✓ Motion carried – approved by all Board members.

Adjourn

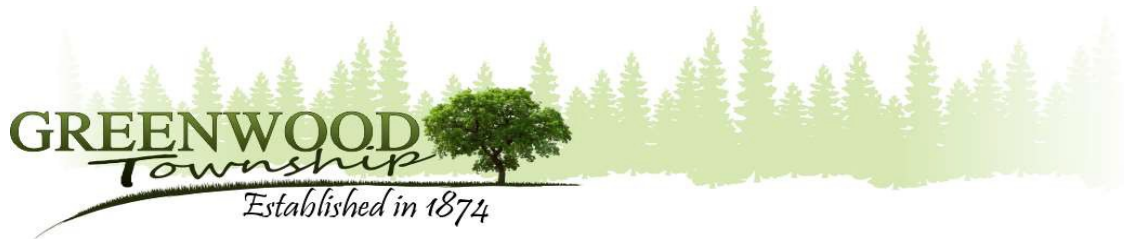
- Motion made by Jess McLaughry, seconded by Rachel Mackson to adjourn the meeting.
 - ✓ Motion carried – approved by all Board members.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:44PM.

Rachel Mackson

~Greenwood Township Clerk

**General Fund
Bills Paid
As of November 10, 2021**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Accrual Basis Amount</u>
000-001 · HB 2431 Checking				
	10/15/2021	ACH	Staples	-109.07
	10/16/2021	2021	Abbott Image, LLC	-209.88
	10/25/2021	2022	Guardian Alarm	-345.00
	11/10/2021	2023	AT&T	-86.55
	11/10/2021	2024	Cons Energy Co	-98.36
	11/10/2021	2025	Cons Energy Co	-120.50
	11/10/2021	2026	ISP MGT	-124.99
	11/10/2021	2027	David Lawrence	-110.99
	11/10/2021	2028	Single Source	-174.92
	11/10/2021	2029	Arthur Ferrett	-620.00
	11/10/2021	2030	Arnold Vasher	-1,150.00
	11/10/2021	2031	EMC Insurance Companies	-99.00
	11/10/2021	2032	Barbara Warner {Election}	-50.00
	11/10/2021	2033	Brandy Gadrys-Hoenshine {Elect}	-50.00
	11/10/2021	2034	Cindy McGrain {Election}	-50.00
	11/10/2021	2035	David A Lawrence {Regular}	-948.57
	11/10/2021	2036	VOID	0.00
	11/10/2021	2037	Janette Hegwood {Election}	-50.00
	11/10/2021	2038	Jesse J McLaughry {Regular}	-788.50
	11/10/2021	2039	Julie Fulton	-46.18
	11/10/2021	2040	Laura List {Regular}	-298.46
	11/10/2021	2041	Nancy Blakemore {election}	-50.00
	11/10/2021	2042	VOID	0.00
	11/10/2021	2043	Rachel Mackson {Regular}	-969.38
	11/10/2021	2044	Sherry Snyr {Election}	-50.00
	11/10/2021	2045	Tina M Braman	-1,005.10
	11/10/2021	2046	Trudy Rader {Election}	-50.00
	11/10/2021	2047	Gail Garrity {Regular}	-313.24
	11/10/2021	2048	Lesla Boshears	-397.10
	11/10/2021	2049	Randall Gorski	-11.55
	11/10/2021	2050	City of Harrison	-16,314.00
	11/10/2021	2051	David A Lawrence {Regular}	-1,061.50
	11/09/2021	2052	Harrison Lumber	-83.68
	11/10/2021	2053	Randall Gorski	-92.35
Total 000-001 · HB 2431 Checking				-25,928.87
Road Fund				NONE
Lily Lake Fund	11/10/2021	?	PLM	-228.00
Rubbish Fund	11/10/2021	?	GFL	-\$27,617.40
Total				\$ (53,774.27)



Township Christmas Party

Saturday, December 11th, 1-4pm

Township Hall ~ 3447 W. Temple (Rt.61)

Featuring Artwork by

Local Artist Lynn LeFever

The Township will provide meats, drinks (pop-water-coffee), plates, dinnerware and napkins.

Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass.

This year, we will be accepting donations for the

Clare County Baby Pantry.

Suggested Donations: diapers (sizes 4,5 &6), pull-ups (sizes 2/3 &4/5), underwear (sizes 2 thru 8) and children's socks.

Your donation of cash or check is always acceptable

Meet your township neighbors!

Quilt Raffle - made and donated by Nancy House

Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long . . . and lotsa FUN!!!

Merry Christmas to ALL!!!

~ Greenwood Township Board