

# **GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP**

**December 1, 2014**

**Approved Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by supervisor, Lestor Vida who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: David Lawrence, Barbara Ferrett, James Korman and Linda Bailow. There were also 11 visitors present. A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to accept the agenda with the additions of hall rental and land bank rubbish under new business. M/C.

## **Community Reports**

Commissioner Karen Lpiovsky was not present. Nancy House, library delegate, presented her report including the library budget will be a six month budget, there has been a 3% increase in costs and the next meeting will be December 19. Dave Lawrence stated that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will January 19 and will be bi-monthly until spring. There is a possibility of having a hot dog/hamburger type expo in the spring with suggestions welcome.

A motion made by Barb Ferrett/Jim Korman to accept the minutes as presented. M/C.

Dave Lawrence presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett was made to accept the report. M/C.

## **Unfinished Business**

Trash for Mary Lane and Carrier Dr. is now being picked up on the corner of Carrier Dr. and Lily Lk. Rd. The board has received a bid for a flag pole for the township hall. Lester will check with the company, Marine Automated Dock Systems, on a warranty/guarantee and to see if the price will be held until spring. Lester will send a letter to the property owner on Bonnie Mae about the blight problem.

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence to appoint and approve Board of Review members and an alternate for the 2015-2017 term. M/C. Members: Bernice Johnston, Josephine Sadler, Barbara Pitcavage and Miles House (alternate). It was discussed that Linda Bailow and Dave Lawrence will meet with Mr. Dreyer to discuss the letter we received regarding Mr. Vida trying to get his attorney fees back dealing with UARR business. Dave and Linda will also go to PNC Bank to close an account with them. The hall is rented December 9 to the Clare Conservation District, Dave explained the problems last time and they will be leaving a deposit. They have also requested a date in April. Dave asked for special consideration of no rubbish tax Bailow/Barb Ferrett. M/C. Dave will contact the assessor to make this permanent.

## **Public Comment**

Miles House asked about the gas subsidy that we were being charged from Lincoln Sanitation/American Waste. Dave stated that Merle did it monthly but now being done quarterly. Dave will check on the status. A big thank you to Barb Ferrett and to all for the nice Christmas treats. Everything tasted so good and looked so nice.

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

A motion by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence to adjourn. M/C Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Again, a thank you to all and Happy Holidays wished to everyone.

Linda Bailow

Clerk

## **GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP**

**January 5, 2015**

### **Approved Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Lester Vida who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: James Korman, Barbara Ferrett, David Lawrence and Linda Bailow. Visitors present: 10. A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to accept the agenda with the addition of rubbish charge discussion under new business. M/C.

#### **Community Reports:**

County Commissioner Karen Lipovsky gave an update of what is happening at the county level and made note that the commissioners meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Nancy House gave the library report and handed out flyers for upcoming events. Supervisor Vida asked that Mrs. Johnson approach the board with her issue of a rubbish tax being charged on a piece of vacant property and asked that the tax be removed. A motion by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett was made to remove the rubbish tax from the parcel pending Dave checking with Charles "Chip" Jones on what he has found. M/C. Barb Ferrett gave her local MTA meeting report and stated that the election of officers was held and that officers remain the same. The next MTA meeting will be held February 16<sup>th</sup>. Dave Lawrence stated that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the township hall.

A motion was made by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence to accept the minutes of the December 1, 2014 meeting as presented. M/C.

Dave Lawrence presented the treasurer's report. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman was made to accept the report as presented. M/C.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Supervisor Vida asked that the board go into a closed session. Motion made by Dave Lawrence/Linda Bailow to go into closed session. M/C. The board went into closed session at 7:20pm. The closed session was over at 7:45pm and the open meeting then continued. Mr. Dreyer, the township attorney, explained to all what has been happening in regards to Mr. Vida trying to recapture his attorney fees in dealing with United Rescue Ambulance Authority and taxes owed by them. A motion to table this matter until a later date was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman. M/C. Supervisor Vida did check with the company that we received an estimate for a flag pole from and the price quote will be the same in the spring providing material does not go up in price. The PNC General account has been closed and funds deposited to the Chemical Bank account. The Fire Agreement with the City of Harrison has been agreed on and payment has been made.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Linda Bailow/Barb Ferret that the township pay for board of review members Miles House, Barb Pitcavage and Jo Sadler to attend BOR class on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. M/C. Dave Lawrence asked that the rubbish tax be removed from a parcel that has no dwelling, parcel #18-00600310003(McLaughlin). A motion made by Barb Ferret/Linda Bailow was made to remove the rubbish tax. M/C.

**Public Comment:**

Linda Bailow announced that there will be an election in May and that voting places be open. Barb Ferret brought up the subject of a park area at the township hall. The subject will be discussed when the budget is being done. It was mentioned that there are grants out there that we could possibly look into, however we would have to have a Master Plan in place to qualify. Miles House said that he believes there are papers regarding a Master Plan in the supervisor's office. There was comment on the road work being done in the township and a thank you to the board.

A motion to approve payment of the bills made by Dave Lawrence/Linda Bailow. M/C

A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to adjourn the meeting. M/C. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Linda Bailow

Clerk

# **GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP**

**February 2, 2015**

**Approved Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor, Lester Vida, who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: David Lawrence, Barbara Ferrett, James Korman and Linda Bailow, also, there were twelve visitor's. A motion to accept the agenda with the additions of pay resolution, election inspector pay raise, master plan, hall rental form, hall rental and township attorney added under new business. M/C.

## **Community Reports:**

County Commissioner, Karen Lipovsky, told of the new HVAC system for the courts portion of the County building and talked about the new security at the County Building. Nancy House, Library Delegate, presented her report and made note that there was not a new usage report since it is so early in the month. Dave Lawrence let all know that the next neighborhood watch meeting will be Wednesday, March 11 at 7pm.

A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to accept the minutes from the January 5, 2015 meeting as presented. M/C. A motion was made by Linda Bailow/Barb Ferrett to accept the treasurer's report as present. M/C.

## **Unfinished Business: None**

## **New Business:**

Dave Lawrence has re-worked the Township Hall Rental Agreement and Barb Ferrett will contact Nick Lomis to get a copy of the new agreement on the website. Government entities will continue to use the hall rent free but will have to have a \$150.00 deposit. The hall is rented for February 8<sup>th</sup> and there about seven rentals reserved for the year at this time.

A motion was made by Lester Vida/Linda Bailow that the supervisor, treasurer and clerk's salary remain the same for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. M/C. A motion by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett was made to raise the gas mileage allowance to \$.58 per mile. M/C. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence was made to increase the election inspector's pay to \$13.00 per hour, the chairperson's pay to \$14.00 per hour plus \$50 and the alternate pay to remain at \$25. M/C.

Dave Lawrence presented the board with a copy of a Master Plan for the township. Explained that he will continue to work on it and check into possible grants for future plans. Lester Vida told Dave he will check files for any existing paper work about master plans. The board was presented a proposal from a law firm in regard to representing the township. The board agreed to look at this as well as checking into other law firms that work with municipal law.

**Public Comment:**

Nancy House suggested that there may be some history information on the web site or in the cemetery information on file. Pam Mayfield, County Clerk, talked about a conference she had attended, new FOIA laws and that the state is looking to change election equipment. Linda Bailow commented on what a good job Lincoln Sanitation/American Waste is doing. Discussion on the abandoned home on Bonnie Mae, the owner has not been found, mail is being forwarded to Cadillac we presume. Dave will try to find out who the mortgage is with and send a letter about the house. One of the previous occupants has a hearing in Clare County this week.

Correspondence was read.

A motion by Linda Bailow/Barb Ferrett was made to pay the bills. M/C.

A motion by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman was made to adjourn. M/C Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Linda Bailow

Clerk

# **GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP**

**March 2, 2015**

**Approved Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lester Vida who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: David Lawrence, Linda Bailow, Barbara Ferrett and James Korman. There were also eight visitors. A motion to accept the agenda with the additions of snow removal at the back doors and the budget under new business was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman. M/C.

## **Community Reports:**

County Commissioner, Karne Lipovsky, gave her monthly update on what is going on with/at the commissioner's meetings. Nancy House, library delegate, gave her report and updated us with library happenings.

A motion was made by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett to accept the February 2, 2015 minutes as present. M/C A motion by Jim Korman/Linda Bailow to accept the treasurer's report as present was made. M/C.

## **Unfinished Business:**

Supervisor Vida requested a closed meeting of the board. Motion to go into closed session made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence. M/C. Meeting closed at 7:15pm. A motion to re-open the meeting was made Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett. M/C. Meeting reopened at 7:19 p.m. Supervisor Vida read the letter he wrote resending his request for payment for a legal matter. Motion to accept his request was made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence. M/C.

## **New Business:**

A motion by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to re-new the Cemetery contract with Art Ferret, at the same wage, was made. M/C. A motion to re-new the snow plowing contract with Stacy Budd, at the same rate, was made. M/C. Dave Lawrence said that he will take responsibility for removing the snow at the back doors/sidewalk when needed with the understanding that he will be compensated for the fuel he uses when this is done. A motion to accept his offer was made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman. M/C. A motion to re-new the contract with Linda Korman to clean the township hall at the same rate however increase the amount to strip/wax the floor from \$220 to \$250 was made Dave Lawrence/Linda Bailow. M/C. A motion by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence was made to amend the budget for the assessor, board of review and treasurer. M/C. A motion was made by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence that the budget hearing meeting be held on March 11, 2015 at 6 pm, prior to the Neighborhood Watch meeting. M/C.

**Public Comment:**

Miles House said that there may be papers in the supervisor's office in regards to looking for a new assessor for the township as our present assessor is retiring. Barb Pitcavage commented on the good job the board has and is doing. Nancy House said that we might find some history about the township on the old web site or at the library. It was asked when the board may start to look for a new attorney to represent the township. Unknown at this time.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman. M/C.

A motion to adjourn was made by Barb Ferrett/Dave Lawrence. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 7:476 p.m.

Linda Bailow

Clerk



# GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

**April 6, 2015**

**Approved Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by supervisor, Lester Vida, who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: David Lawrence, Barbara Ferrett, James Korman and Linda Bailow. There were also 15 visitors present. A motion to accept the agenda with the additions of CD#7 and hall rentals under new business was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman. M/C.

## **Community Reports:**

Commissioner, Karen Lipovsky, presented her monthly report including that the County Clerk has hired three part time workers and that Judge Ferrell is asking for a raise for his clerk. Nancy House, library delegate, presented her report and stating that she is happy to see the townships usage up. She also mentioned that damage from flood waters is being taken care of. Merle Harmon, American Waste, explained about the rate increase and asked if there were any questions about the service the township is receiving. Only good comments were made.

A motion was made by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2015 minutes as presented. M/C. Dave Lawrence, treasurer, presented the treasures' report. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Barb Ferrett to accept the report as presented. M/C.

## **Unfinished business:**

Vicki Cushman from Cushman Assessing Services introduced herself and spoke a bit on the services the company offers and would be happy to work for Greenwood Township. Getting the flag pole put up was discussed, Lester and Jim will check to see when this will be done. They will also check on a shed for the township hall.

## **New Business:**

A motion by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman was made to approve the rate increase for American Waste for trash pick-up. M/C The bid from Beckman was read for this year's brining of the roads. A motion by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett to accept the prices quoted to the township was made. M/C. Linda Bailow suggested that since the fax line is never used that it be disconnected saving the township that fee monthly. A motion by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman was made to have the fax line disconnected was made. M/C. The MTA on the road workshop is approaching and board members would like to attend, as they have in the past. A motion by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence was made that board members attend the workshop in May. M/C. There are several old books in storage that no longer need to be kept. Before throwing them away the board thought to offer them to the library for free if they would like them. A motion by Barb Ferrett/Jim Korman was made to make this offer. M/C. The board asked Nancy House to check on is for them, she in turn asked Jerry Britson to take care of this. Treasure, Dave Lawrence,

confirmed that he will be cashing in CD#7 and depositing it into the general fund for future use on the pavilion that has been discussed. There are two hall rentals for this month, April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>. Lester Vida has agreed to close the hall down after each rental.

**Public Comment:**

Barb Pitcavage commented on what a good job she thinks the board has and is doing. Dave Lawrence mentioned that the next Neighborhood Watch will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

A motion to approve and pay the bills was made by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence. M/C.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman. M/C. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Linda Bailow

Clerk

# Greenwood Township

**May 4, 2015**

**Approved Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, Lester Vida who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: David Lawrence, Linda Bailow, Barbara Ferrett and James Korman. Also present were 13 visitors. A motion to accept the agenda with the additions of moving the shed and propane proposal added under new business was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman. M/C.

## **Community Reports:**

Commissioner, Karen Lipovsky, reported on what is happening at the county level. It is budget time for all departments. The proposal to be voted on tomorrow was discussed. Nancy House gave the library report. Nancy also suggested that the board may want to change/update the mission statement for the township on the web site. Barb Ferrett gave the local MTA meeting update.

Motion was made by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting as presented. M/C. A motion made by Jim Korman/Linda Bailow to accept the treasurer's report as present. M/C.

## **Unfinished Business:**

The flagpole has been put up and the shed has been delivered. The light for the flag will be done as soon as possible. The shed will be moved when a spot can be decided on and when the ground permits. The board has decided to hire Cushman Assessing to be the new assessor. They will meet with the out-going assessor to exchange information. The fax line has been disconnected. The library has no use for the old books since all the information is available on-line. A motion was made Linda Bailow/Barb Ferrett to just throw the books away. M/C.

## **New Business:**

A motion made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence that the trustee's pay remain the same for 2015-16 fiscal year as it was for the 2014-15 fiscal year. M/C. There was discussion on trustee's pay for special meeting, possibly a lesser amount than the per diem they receive for regular meetings since some /most special meeting are less than 30 minutes. Thoughts are this was done once long ago however the clerk will research to see what if anything has been done in prior years. The board has received a bid from H&D Propane for the 2015-16 contract year. The board will wait to see what the bid is from Heintz Propane, who has our current contract, before any decision is made.

## **Public Comment:**

Art Ferrett asked about road projects for this year. Dave said he would be speaking to the road commission about possible projects. Clarence Rd. to definitely be done. Barb Pitcavage asked when is grading going to be done. Dave Lawrence state that some road gravel will be going for Greenwood Forest roads. A culvert may be needed on Finley Lk. Rd. Dave Lawrence made note that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

The clerk read the correspondence which included the sheriff's monthly report.

A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to pay the bills. M/C.

A motion made by Linda Bailow/Lester Vida was made to adjourn the meeting. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Linda Bailow

Clerk

## **GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP**

**June 1, 2015**

### **Approved Minutes**

Supervisor, Lester Vida, opened the meeting at 7:00p.m., and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: James Korman, Barbara Ferrett, David Lawrence and Linda Bailow. There were also 22 visitors. Supervisor Vida said a few words on the passing of the former township supervisor, Miles House. He also spoke about the township assessor, Chip Jones, retiring, wishing him well and introduced the new assessor's. A motion by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to accept the agenda as present. M/C.

#### **Community Reports:**

Karen Lipovsky gave an update on what is happening at the county. Jerry Britton, library delegate, introduced Sheila Bissenet from the library who explained the amendment to the library contract which has to do with their fiscal year dates. Barb Ferrett gave a short report on what the MTA workshop provided for board members. Dave Lawrence announced that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting is Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00pm. Steve Hensel from Beckman Products talked about brining the township roads and how weather plays a big part in co-ordinating with the road commission in getting the roads done by the holidays. Mike Duggan introduced himself and spoke about his propane company and about the roads in the township and getting things co-ordinated with Beckman when it comes to brining the roads.

A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett to accept the May 4, 2015 minutes as presented. M/C. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman was made to accept the treasurer's report as presented. M/C.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

A motion was made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence to accept the assessors' contract as present for their signatures. M/C. The new assessor, Vicki Cushman, accepted the contract as presented and signed the two year contract. The new assessor agrees to be at the township hall the first Wednesday of the month for a minimum of four (4) hours, from 1pm-5pm. Trustee's pay was discussed. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence to have the trustee's receive a salary versus the per diem pay they currently receive. All board members are in favor of this change. No "Nays". The pay will remain the same as the per diem pay.

#### **New Business:**

The clerk presented the new FOIA policy and procedures and new guidelines the will be effective July 1, 2015. They will be available to view on the web site as well. The contract with equalization for the assessor was discussed. A motion by Dave Lawrence/Linda Bailow to accept and sign the contract as presented. M/C. Township hall propane was discussed. We

Propane bid was .05 cents less than Heintz. A motion made by Barb Ferrett/Dave Lawrence was made to go with HD Propane was made. M/C. Road projects were discussed. Bids came in \$8000 less than expected so a motion by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferret to add a road (Bonnie Mae) to the project list this year was made. M/C. Discussion was held on a road to lead back to where the pavilion is proposed. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman to contact Buster Vasher to excavate the property for the road, weather permitting. M/C.

**Public Comment:**

A thank you to Art and Barb Ferret for getting the frames for the maps in the township hall. A resident asked what road projects were being done this year. Clarence road between Old State and Coolidge and three roads in the Greenwood Forest Sub (Beatrice, Maryland and Bonnie Mae). Barb Pitcavage talked about the Finley Lk. Rd. and Beatrice curve. Art Ferrett asked how far back the road for the pavilion will go. About 200ft. Art said that he will measure it off.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman. M/C.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Lawrence/Linda Bailow. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Linda Bailow

Clerk

## GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

July 6, 2015

Un-Approved Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Vida, who led with the Pledge of Alliegance. Members present: Lester Vida, David Lawrence, James Korman, Barbara Ferrett and Linda Bailow. There were also 15 visitors present. A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to accept the minutes with addition of disabled veteran exemption, hall windows, pavillion and driveway, Lily Lake garage sale and hall rental under new business. M/C.

### Community Reports:

Karen Lipovsky, county commissioner, was not here. Nancy House, library delegate, presented the usage report, spoke of the computer classes and that they did not have a meeting this month. Barb Ferrett gave the local MTA meeting report. Dave Lawrence told of the next Neighborhood Watch meeting. Ken Lind, insurance rep for the township, spoke of renewing the policy and adding an umbrella to the current policy. The board will discuss this later in the meeting. Ken also spoke about board members having a life insurance policy. Members will discuss this at a later date.

A motion to accept the June 1, 2015 minutes as present was made by Barb Ferrett/Jim Korman. M/C. A motion to accept the treasures report as presented was made by Jim Korman/Linda Bailow. M/C.

### Unfinished Business:

The propane contract for the township hall was presented and signed for the 2015-16 term. The new fee structure was presented as required and will become effective July 7, 2015.

### New Business:

Four sealed bids were presented for the removal and complete clean up of two tress that need to be taken care of at the cemetery. The bids were opened and read. A motion by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence was made to accept the bids from Mike Henry. M/C. He will start the work on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Henry was told to present a final bill to the clerk when the work is completely done. A new alternate for the Board of Review was chosen to replace Miles House, who passed away recently. A motion by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence was made to appoint Terri Cross as the new alternate. M/C. Dave Lawrence explained that Mr. Freeman's disabled veterans property tax exemption had not been taken care of and he did receive a tax bill. The supervisor may have to sign off on this and the new assessor will be contacted about this. Mr. Freeman should be billed for trash collection. Harrison Lumber will replace panes for five windows at the township hall. Jim Korman will check with Kitty Kurtis on use of their land to use for access to preparing for the proposed pavilion. The excavator will get sand and gravel at

the road commission's cost. At this time, Dave has not heard from Al or Deepak from the road commission. A resident of the Lily Lake area has asked permission to use the township parking lot for a lake area garage sale. It was okayed by the board however, the group would have to sign a hold harmless contract and make any repairs to the lot if there were damages. Also, no food vender's or bounce houses for children. Dave will speak with Larry Miller if they are going to use the lot. Dave said that the hall is rented on July 19<sup>th</sup>, Lester agreed to lock up. Treasurer, Dave Lawrence made it known that he will not be at the next board meeting (Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>) do to previous plans.

**Public Comment:**

Jeff Lawrence, resident in Greenwood Forest asked about what is being done on the roads in the subdivision. Dave explained what is being done on the roads in Greenwood Forest as well as other township roads. Mr. Lawrence also stated that he would like to be on the agenda for the August 3 2015 meeting, representing the Greenwood Forest Protective Service. Nancy House about road work on Clarence. Dave explained. A resident from the Birch & Douglas streets area asked about ditching on the roads. He was told that the road commission makes these decisions. Jerry Britton mentioned that the Amish are having a barn raising this Saturday.

The board discussed having the umbrella insurance added to our policy. A motion by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman was made to add the one million dollar umbrella to our existing policy for \$505 per year. M/C.

A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to pay the bills. M/C.

A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to adjourn. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Linda Bailow

Clerk



## **GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP**

**August 3, 2015**

**Approved Minutes**

Supervisor, Lester Vida, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Linda Bailow, clerk, trustees Barbara Ferrett and James Korman. Treasurer David Lawrence was absent. There were also seven visitors present. Motion to accept the agenda with the addition of Tom Prinstell added to community reports was made by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett. M/C.

### **Community Reports:**

Commissioner Karen Lipovsky gave an update of what is happening at the county level. She stated that Sherriff Wilson said there is a golf cart ordinance out there if we are thinking of proposing one. Bricks are still available to purchase for the Veterans Park and that on August 15 Kitty Kurtis Farms will be holding a Family Farm Day. Nancy House presented the library usage report. The historical library continues to be worked on and they are checking to see if local businesses would be interested in doing the 125<sup>th</sup> Historical Guide. Tom Prinstell spoke of the millage renewal on the ballot tomorrow and stated that the .3 millage has never been raised, just renewed.

A motion was made by Barb Ferrett/Jim Korman to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting. M/C.

In the treasurer's absence, Linda Bailow, clerk, presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett was made to accept the report as presented. M/C.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Lester Vida stated that he had no updates at this time.

### **New Business:**

Linda Bailow explained the need for the treasurer and clerk to have new/updated computer's and a motion made by Barb Ferret/Jim Korman was made for the treasurer and clerk to purchase new computers. M/C. The clerk spoke of the training provided by MTA in September and asked to attend. A motion was made by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett for her to attend the two day training. M/C.

### **Public Comment:**

Barb Pitcavage asked the deputy attending the meeting if he had any information of Alpine propane tanks being stolen from residents in Greenwood Forest. He had heard nothing. Nancy House asked about a new computer for the deputy clerk as she takes care of the cemetery records. This will be looked into further. She also commented on work being done on Clarence Rd. in her area.

**Correspondence:**

The clerk presented the sheriff report for July. The township is doing well. A guilt board was discussed for the township hall and will be looked into further.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett. M/C.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Linda Bailow

Clerk

## **GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP**

**September 8, 2015**

### **Approved Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Treasurer, David Lawrence, as Supervisor, Lester Vida was absent (excused). Dave led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Barbara Ferrett, James Korman and Linda Bailow. There were also 12 visitors present. A motion to accept the agenda with the addition of Jeff Lawrence to community reports, road maintenance to unfinished business and election equipment, siren test, Neighborhood Watch, noise ordinance and no wake ordinance for Lily Lake to new business was made by Barb Ferrett/Jim Korman. M/C.

#### **Community Reports:**

Commissioner, Karen Lipovsky gave an update what is happening at the county level. The county IT department is now located in the Sheriff's department. There is a place in Clare now for homeless veterans. Discussion on raises for some department but not the courts. Dave Lawrence had several questions/comments on the subject including issues in the equalization department. Nancy House presented the usage report for the library and the calendar for the month of September. The Historical Annex fell through. Not able to get the property. If anyone knows of available property, please let the library board know. Barb Ferrett gave a report of the last local MTA meeting. Jeff Lawrence, representing Greenwood Forest Sub, discussed blight issues at two properties in the subdivision.(1471 Douglas and 2121 Birch) It was explained to him that the board must receive a complaint in writing to comply with the blight ordinance. Jeff said he would send all board members a letter. He also talked about the drain issue at the Greenwood Forest beach and was told it was a road commission issue. Dave Lawrence also told him that when he receives a water treatment report that he would send a copy to Jeff. Jeff asked to be on the October agenda.

A motion was made by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett to accept the minutes presented from the August 3 meeting with addition that Dave Lawrences' absence was excused. M/C. A motion was made by Jim Korman/Linda Bailow to accept the treasure's report as presented. M/C. Nancy House questioned the difference in interest from MFCU vs. Chemical Bank. Dave explained.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Dave Lawrence has had a long discussion with the road commission about the work, or lack of, that was to be done in the township. The township had given a verbal ok to use \$55,000.00 for the roads this season. Dave told the people at the road commission if the work is not done by October 1, 2015 don't do it this year. Much discussion on the road conditions, brining and repairs. Also, the gravel road for the pavilion, which the road commission was going to do, has been put on hold. The maintenance program has been

horrible this year. Nancy House suggested that we ask a representative from the road commission to attend a board meeting A motion by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence was made to purchase a quilt block for the township hall as part of the Clare County Arts Council grant program. M/C. A motion by Barb Ferret/Linda Bailow was made to go with the Tree of Life pattern. M/C. New computers have been purchased for the clerk and treasurer. The sale of the old computers will be on the October agenda. There is no update on the pavilion and things will be on hold for a while.

**New Business:**

Linda Bailow explained the state choice for new election equipment and timing for mandatory use of new machines. The siren test will be this Thursday. A noise ordinance has to be in place before any complaints can be enforced and an ordinance is passed by the board and goes in to effect 30 days after being published. It was suggested that we advertise when we will be discussing this at a meeting to possibly get more input from residents. An ordinance for a no wake rule on Lily Lake was discussed. The board will look at this further. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be September 15 at 7pm. Possibly doing a Christmas get together for neighborhood watch this year.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Barb Ferrett/Jim Korman. M/C.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Linda Bailow  
Clerk

## **GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP**

**October 5, 2015**

**Approved Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Lester Vida who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Lester Vida, James Korman, Barbara Ferrett, David Lawrence and Linda Bailow. There were also thirteen visitors present. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman. M/C.

### **Community Reports:**

Commissioner Karen Lipovsky was not present. Nancy House handed out the library newsletter. There was no usage report at this time. The old law office of Judge Ferrall will be the new site for the historical building for the library. Looking way into the future it would be nice to have more space in that same area. The library is looking to take over their own retirement service.

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2015 regular meeting minutes was made by Jim Korman/Dave Lawrence. M/C. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented was made by Barb Ferrett/Linda Bailow. M/C.

### **Unfinished Business:**

A motion was made by Jim Korman/Barb Ferrett to allow the clerk and treasurer to purchase their old computers from the township for \$5. M/C. Treasurer, Dave Lawrence, said that he would also donate \$30 to the township for the computer. Both a noise ordinance and Lily Lake no-wake ordinance was discussed. The clerk stated that she would like to see this taken care of by the January board meeting as she will be very busy with election in 2016. An ad should be put in the paper to let residents know that these ordinances will be discussed at future meetings and that the president of the LLIA could possibly send an e-mail to members to get some input into the proposed no-wake ordinance. Board members will do follow-up research on similar ordinances in the county for possibly suggestions.

### **New Business:**

An issue with residency for burial at the township cemetery was discussed. A resident must have proof of a minimum of six (6) months of permanent residency to be buried at the township cemetery. a of exception to this. A motion was made by Jim Korman/Linda Bailow to not have exceptions as the cemetery is running out of room and if we do it once it leaves the board open to further exceptions. M/C.

Land division fees were discussed. The previous assessor did charge \$100 for land divisions. Our new assessor does not charge however, the treasure does have some work to do with land

divisions also. A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Linda Bailow to charge \$50 for a land division with money going to the general fund. M/C.

**Public Comment:**

Art Ferret asked why we do not have a pet cemetery at the township cemetery. There is just not enough room. Barb Pitcavage asked about a November election. There will not be one in our township, only townships with special proposals or school issues. There was discussion on the road projects in the township. Dave Lawrence stated that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be October 13 at 7:00pm. Linda Baiow thanked Linda Korman for a great job on the hall floor. Always does a great job.

Correspondence was read.

A motion was made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence to pay the bills. M/C. Bill paid.

A motion was made by Dave Lawrence to adjourn the meeting. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Linda Bailow

Clerk

# GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

November 2, 2015

Approved Minutes

Supervisor Lester Vida called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and all members, Lester Via, James Korman, David Lawrence, Barbara Ferrett and Linda Bailow, were present. There were also 18 visitors present. A motion to accept the agenda with additions under both old and new business was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman. M/C.

## Community Reports:

County Commissioner, Karen Lipovsky, gave her report on what is happening at the county level. She spoke of pay raises for *some* at the county level and sheriff department, a 1.5 million dollar loan to the county for repairs/replacement of the elevators at the county building and about the up-coming rabies clinic at the animal shelter. Nancy House presented the library usage report and computer classed for November. Be sure to check what exactly each class is about before signing up. The library DVD policy has changed, now free to use if you have a library card. The library will also be offering free bus rides to the children who need them to be able to participate in the reading program for kids. Nancy also noted a correction to the October minutes needed to be made as to the purchase of a new site for the historical site. It has not been purchased but in the process of such. Barb Ferret gave her local MTA report. Assessor, Vicki Cushman gave an update of what they have and are doing in the township. It was suggested that the assessor does not have to spend four hours once a month at the township hall as no one has showed up to talk with them. They will however be available if and when needed. A motion made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence that the assessors be at the township hall for a few hours/couples days a couple weeks before the assessments go out to answer questions that may come up from residents. M/C. Jim Korman will ride with Brian Cushman to the Amish properties since he know them all very well. Lester Vida asked to ride along to point out some properties in question about building permits. The assessors will be having an AMAR (state audit) this year. Dave Lawrence asked about vet exemptions and a land division for a property owner. Vicki said she would check on this with equalization and get back with him.

A motion made by Jim Korman/Lester Vida to accept the October 5, 2015 minutes with the correction about the library historical site. M/C.

Treasurer, Dave Lawrence, presented the treasurers report adding that he donated \$35 to the road fund in the purchase of the old treasures' computer. A motion to accept the treasures report as presented was made by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman. M/C.

## Unfinished Business:

The board once again brought up the need to have a noise ordinance in place. The clerk suggested that the board have a workshop to work on getting some wording and items to be included in the ordinance together to bring to a board meeting. She will contact the members to coordinate dates and times to do this. The Lily Lake No-Wake ordinance was talked about. The supervisor suggest we wait until spring to continue the discussion. Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett made a motion that we form a sub-committee, being Dave Lawrence and Linda Bailow, to further research the issue and to bring all information to the township board. M/C. The sub- committee, Dave and Linda, will also write a letter to lake front property owners asking again for their opinion/vote of an ordinance for the lake. It was noted that this will take a minimum of a few months. The question of proving residency for the purpose of having a cemetery plot was discussed again. In further speaking with MTA, Linda Bailow found that information from the state's

Election Management Portal is legal proof of residency and that the resident (surviving family) carries the burden of proof if they want to argue the issue. Once again the board discussed getting a new attorney to represent the township. The clerk will contact the two she has information from and also check with other townships on who they use and possibly contact one of those to present to our board what they can do for us.

**New Business:**

The BS&A bill for the former assessor was presented and the board will not approve payment and cancel the service. Discussion about the road commission receiving \$10,000 in matching funds from townships next year for gravel or chip and seal projects. We will propose doing Clarence Road. Lester and Jim did the bus tour that the road commission had and there was talk about possibly black top work on Stockwell as Hayes Twp. Thinks they will have the funds to do their portion. A motion was made by Linda Bailow/ Jim Korman to purchase a metal detector for use at the cemetery to locate grave sites. M/C. The treasurer will be in need of postage stamps for mailing out tax bills and the clerk asked that he get 300 for her as she will need postage with at least three elections next year. The township hall is rented for Dec 6 and Dec 8. Dave will not be available on the 6<sup>th</sup> and asked for someone to help out. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Public Comment:**

Pam Mayfield, County Clerk, told of the cost of the special election and the expense that every election is to the county and townships. There was some language/wording on the special transit election and could result in another special election. Three election scheduled for next year, a May election would be a special election. Nancy House commented on the appearance of Cook's Salvage on M61. There is nothing the township can do at this time. A resident asked is there was a spring that ran under Stockwell Rd., ass it is always wet/muddy. Board members have no idea if there is or not. Also asked if there is any state funding available for repairing roads in the township.

Correspondence was read. All five are interested in the ordinance workshop that MTA is presenting and it was approved that all board members will attend the workshop Dec 8<sup>th</sup> on ordinances.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Bailow/Dave Lawrence. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Linda Bailow

Clerk



# GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

December 7, 2015

Approved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor, Lester Vida, leading with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and all members, Lester Vida, Linda Bailow, David Lawrence, Barbara Ferrett and James Korman, were present. A motion to accept the agenda with additions was made by Dave Lawrence/Barb Ferrett. M/C.

## Community Reports:

Karne Lipovsky, County Commissioner, gave her monthly report. The Veteran's Memorial Freedom Park will have a dedication on May 26, 2016 at 1 pm. This being done so that the school children will be able to participate. There will be a proposal on the March 8<sup>th</sup> ballot to raise the 911 phone rates by \$1.00. A wonderful job done at the Freedom Park for Veteran's Day. Rene Haley does a great job. Nancy House, library delegate, presented the usage report for the month. The library has approved a six month budget. Nancy invited all to the Friends of the Library dinner to be at the Budd Lake Bar.

A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to accept the November 2, 2015 minutes with the correction under unfinished business was made. M/C.

Dave Lawrence presented the treasurer's report. Motion to accept the report as presented made by Barb Ferrett/Linda Bailow. M/C.

## Unfinished Business:

A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to table the table the three (noise, cemetery and no wake) ordinance's until the January meeting was made as board members will be attending an ordinance workshop this month. M/C. There was much discussion about the roads/road commission and work that has been done, will possibly be done and just can't be done. There are no matching funds to pave Stockwell and the cost would be \$266,500 for one mile. Dave and Lester hope to meet with the road commission to discuss future projects. The township is not getting the treatment we use to when Mr. Kersmyer was with the road commission. There continued to be a lot of discussion about the roads in the township. Motion made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to remove the rubbish assessment charge from a parcel (006-027-200-02) since the home has been removed. M/C. The metal detector has been purchased for use at the cemetery. Lester will contact the person who installed the automatic opener for the front doors to have them repaired. The hall is rented December 26 and Lester will close up the hall.

## New Business:

A motion was made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to send Board of Review members, who need to attend a review class every two years, to the class in February. Two members will attend this class. M/C. A motion made by Dave Lawrence/Jim Korman to approve to pay Terri Cross \$10 per hour to help type all new master cards used for elections. M/C. A motion by Lester Vida/Dave Lawrence was made to discuss at the board workshop putting in place a policy for trustee's pay for work/jobs they are asked to do by the board. M/C.

## Public Comment:

A question was asked if/when Clarence Rd. will be decided on work that needs to be done. Dave said that possibly in January. The sign out front is in need of paint and/or repair. The shutters on the building are faded bad and need replace as painting them would only peel off. The board may talk to Hoger's about doing a new sign for out front. Talk about possible CPR class/presentation at the township hall. Linda will contact the Red Cross to do this possibly in the first of the year.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Linda Bailow/DaveLawrence. M/C.

A thank you to all who brought snacks for our holiday meeting and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes to and from all.

Motion to adjourn was mad by Linda Bailow/Jim Korman. M/C.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Linda Bailow

Clerk