

MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- 1) Supervisor Major called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 8, 2018 at the Township of Greenbush Hall. 8 guests were present, all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| <u>ROLL CALL</u> | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
| Supervisor | C. Lee Major | |
| Clerk | David Dailey | |
| Treasurer | Pat Dailey | |
| Trustee | Sheila Scott | |
| Trustee | Mark Parent | |

- 3) Agenda-
Motion to approve the agenda as presented- Clerk Dailey/Treasurer Dailey – all ayes, motion carried

- 4) Minutes-
Motion to approve the regular minutes as amended- Trustee Scott/Trustee Parent – all ayes - motion carried.

- 5) Public Comments- none

- 6) Financial Report- Treasurer P. Dailey- \$226,291.37 general fund, \$228,349.22 road fund, \$101,334.79 fire fund, \$43,291.76 Prince Dr., Kowalski Mem. Fund. \$482.09. CD-2272 \$26,036.40, CD-2230 \$22,665.34 revenues reported. Motion to approve the financial report and place on file for audit- Clerk Dailey/TrusteeParent - roll call - all ayes - motion carried.

- 7) Presentation of Bills- payroll ck's #17437-17448 \$3,998.65, bills ck's# 17418-17462 \$4,476.93 plus the E119-E126 checks \$3,811.59. Bills total \$8.288.52. Comments : Liked having copies of bills for review, wanted more detail on Alcona Road Commission bills. Motion to pay the April bills Treasurer Dailey/Trustee Parent - roll call – all ayes – motion carried.

- 8) Alcona County Road Commission “ACRM” Discussion with Harry Harvey & Jesse Campbell.

Supervisor Major greeted the members of the ACRM and asked to start the discussion with three questions:

- a. Lake Street: Complaint letter about cutting of trees and debris left behind was a safety concern, and the timing of the cutting when most of the residents were away. The reasoning for the tree cutting to help the board understand; authorities and responsibilities with respect of the ACRC and the Township board, and the Township's role in road maintenance and repair options for Lake Street.
- b. South Coville Road
- c. Visibility concern

Jesse Campbell explained that Public act 51 "the Road Law" also deals with The Right of Way "ROW" of Public roads. Lake street's ROW starts at 60', which, is 30' on both sides of the road measured from the center line, and tapers down to 44'. The ROW is supposed to be used for utilities, ditches and for snow in the winter. It is our responsibility to keep it mowed and clear for Emergency vehicles, plow trucks etc. The trees and grass are property of the home owner and can be trimmed and cut by them if they choose. The ROW is not supposed to be used for septic tanks, wells or permanent structures. Most of the property along Lake street does not meet these Public act 51 standards. The ACRM is not done with the cutting along Lake St.. Chips do blow out of the trucks and that cannot be helped and may be stopped due to the Michigan Department of Transportation and US Forest Service concern of spreading plant disease and bacteria , such as oak wilt. The ACRC does most of its cutting in winter as it is a huge cost saving, it doesn't add to the cost of the projects if it is done as maintenance and we simply do not have the manpower to do it in the summer. Mr. Dailey did come with me when I marked the trees, but it was because of the many concerns on Lake street and I believe he is the first township official ever to accompany me when I mark trees. The Township does not have any responsibility with the cutting of trees in the ROW. The ACRM's plan for Lake St. is to cut and grind the big stump that was hit again causing \$3,200 damage to a plow truck, cut the stumps to ground level, move the logs if the land owners do not want them, trim the existing trees and maintain the road the best can.

Questions from Lake street residents: Can we leave the street alone? No, it is the ACRC's responsibility to maintain Lake street because it is a public road. Can we have a vote on how the road is maintained? Yes, if the road is

abandoned from being a public road and turned into a private road. Is the road going to be wider? Yes, our old road surfacing machine was 12' and the new one is 13'. Who staked out the ROW? The cable company not the ACRM. What is the procedure to abandon the road? Fifty one percent of all the owners along Lake Street need to be in agreement and petition the ACRC to abandon the street. The ACRC would then submit it to the MDOT. The Township of Greenbush Road Board would have the final say on the abandonment and any special assessments would go through the Township. What is the plan for S. Coville Rd? US 23 is in the process of some construction and we think the best solutions to use the millings from that project and pulverize them into Coville Rd. At this time the Township Supervisor stated that this was just one suggestion and nothing has been decided yet. How much is the Township of Greenbush's share to complete the Cedar Lake Rd. project? \$350,000 which is half of the project, we won't be eligible for urban funds until 2027. Cedar Lake Rd. has 700 to 800 cars using it daily and is the only urban primary road in Alcona County. There may be some engineering cost saving if we do the road by ourselves. Is there anything you can do to improve the visibility at Smith St. and Cedar Lake Rd. to the North and F30 and US23 to the North? We will try to cut some of the trees on Cedar Lake Rd. but if they are in the powerlines we will have to have the power company cut them. The US 23 F30 intersection has been turned into MDOT however their position is that it is not a problem even after the last accident.

Everyone thanked the ACRC and board for answering their concerns.

9) Miscellaneous Reports-

- a. Planning Commission (D. Dailey) – Discussion continued on ordinance updates.
- b. OWAA (D. Dailey) – There are two projects going on this Summer: Pride Rd construction and runway resurfacing which could shut the runway down for up to 9 weeks. Kalitta Air has been working closely Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority on the closures and the Alpena Airport has offered their apron for emergency repairs. Mr. Kalitta and Alpena College have Started an Apprentice program for 30 month aircraft maintenance program. Michigan Works is where you can apply for this program.
- c. County Commissioner (C. Brummund) – Gave us a copy of a Month in review, and informed us that on May 19 at 10:00 AM Alpena Fire equip will

be inspecting Fire Extinguishers free of charge at the Presbyterian Church in Harrisville

- d. Constable (B. Beatty) - Two compliant, Two have sent in paperwork but have not received their renewed licenses.
 - e. Fire Chief (S. Franks) - 1 fire call, 6 first responder calls. We had a fire call on Cedar Lake Dr. Our Department had it under control in minutes, I am really proud of them.
 - f. Zoning & Ordinance Administrator (J. Sutton) – absent, Treas. P. Dailey read report
 - g. Hall Rental (C. Lee Major) – Shared calendar of renters, and also a problem. Pat Dailey requested May 23 5 PM Sesquicentennial meeting will be posted as an open meeting so all are welcome. We should add a bullet point for the Sesquicentennial. The dunk tank, slide and bounce house have been reserved.
 - h. Assessor (N. Schwickert) – Absent. D. Dailey shared information about the legislature wanting to go with county assessing for Townships below 12 million dollars property tax. Much discussion
 - i. GRAC (D. Dailey) – We had our first meeting today, clean up scheduled for next week, waiting on a quote for porta potties and pump outs for out houses and scheduling swing installation for the pavilion area at Spencer Park. Everyone should take time to visit Cedar Lake Park. It is really nice to see the children having so much fun there.
- 10.) Correspondence- Supervisor: Complaint about lack of updates on web page, inquiry about where things are with the Road Commission and a letter from Senator Stamma Clerk: none Treasurer: none Trustees: none
- 11.) Pending Business-
- a. Township hall
 - i. Township Hall lighting- Lights are here and will be working on installation at the 5/17/18 Fire meeting
 - ii. Discuss changing locks at Township Hall- will get quotes for control keys and electronic keyless entry
 - b. Township board and administrative policies- didn't meet, reviewed information packet this meeting will continue next month.
 - c. Forestry Management recommendation for Spencer Park- Left off with meeting with the Forester. Lee would like not to be included in working

with the forester as it is his brother. Dave Dailey volunteered along with Mark Parent to work the forester.

12.) New Business-

a. Opting in or out for medical Marijuana facilities-Tabled until next meeting.

b. 2018 Property Tax Foreclosed Parcels-after discussion motion by Clerk Dailey/Trustee Parent That the Township of Greenbush is not interested in making a purchase of any of the foreclosed properties. Roll call vote all ayes motion carried.

c. Township Road Millage- After much discussion the verbage of the previous millage renewal was decided to be used. The following millage was read into the minutes.;

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the expired previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Greenbush Township, of $\frac{3}{4}$ mills (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed at and increased up to the original voted $\frac{3}{4}$ mills (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) years, 2018 through 2021 inclusive, for the purpose of road improvement, construction and maintenance within the Township, raising an estimated \$72,599.99 in the first year the millage is levied.

Yes

No

Motion to approve the millage as described and read Supervisor Major/Clerk Dailey
Roll Call vote All Ayes motion carried.

d. Township Fire Millage-The following millage was read into the minutes with the support of the Fire Chief:

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the expired previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Greenbush Township, of $\frac{1}{2}$ mills (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed at and increased up to the original voted $\frac{1}{2}$ mills (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) years, 2018 through 2021 inclusive, for the purpose of fire protection, operation and repair of the fire related equipment and department building, raising an estimated \$48,400.00 in the first year the millage is levied.

Yes

No

Motion to approve the millage as described and read Clerk Dailey/Supervisor Major roll call vote all ayes motion carried.

13.) Public Comments: Harry Harvey, Alcona County Building Inspector and a Alcona County Road Commissioner: The building Dept. is very slow this year and I do not agree with all the things that are happening at the Road Commission. What I do want to say is if you see something say something. There is a lot of things happening around the county and if you don't speak up they can't be resolved. Larry Holland, son of the owner of 2542 County Line Rd. agrees that the web page is out of date, said that the business in question has been in continuous operation since 1984 with his family and before that with others. He stated that the recycling is reopening and needs the Zoning Administrator's signature to reapply for junk cars which he refuses to do. What can the board do to help resolve this problem. Supervisor Major will meet with both parties to try to resolve the problem.

14.) Motion to adjourn Clerk Dailey /Trustee Scott at 9:48 p.m. – all ayes, Clerk D. Dailey absent- motion carried.

David W. Dailey
Greenbush Township Clerk
cc: Board/Attorney

Note: Published prior to board approval – Next regular scheduled meeting Tuesday June 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township of Greenbush Hall.