

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2023 6:00 PM

Chair Drobac calls meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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ROLL CALL: Chair Drobac, Vice Chair Lofquist, Supervisor Skubic, Supervisor Stoehr, Interim Treasurer Maus, Interim Clerk Bassing Supervisor Ralston Absent

Any changes to the agenda? None, MOTION: Lofquist/Stoehr to approve agenda VOTE 4/0 PASS.

MOTION: Drobac/Lofquist to approve minutes of Jan. 10, 2023 Regular Board meeting and Jan. 30, 2023 Special Board Meeting no dis. VOTE 4/0 PASS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Checking- 185,756.54, Savings-236,762.94, CD-252,005.00, TOTAL- 674,524.48 Claim to True Value Cook, MN. for popcorn popper, will hold and investigate. Claim will be delayed. MOTION: Drobac/Lofquist to approve Treasurer's Report no dis. VOTE 4/0 PASS.

CLAIMS: MOTION: Drobac/Lofquist to approve Claims no dis. VOTE 4/0 PASS.

PAYROLL: Lofquist/Skubic to approve Payroll VOTE 4/0 PASS.

PUBLIC COMMENT: K. Reichel-The annexed area she lives in is concerned with fire protection as we have no Box Alarm with Cook Fire. Considering secession from Greenwood Township if something is not done. S.Drobac- we have mutual aid with Cook. Maus-We are working on it with Cook Fire Assistant Chief but have not gotten approval yet. M. Mueller-The county said we will annex that area. L.Peterson-The people in that area asked to be annexed. The Fire Chief and Clerk will keep K.Reichel apprised of our contact with Cook Fire. L. Peterson- would like a motion to move Public Comment to the top of the agenda right after Roll Call. MOTION: Skubic/Lofquist to move Public Comment right after Roll Call. Dis. Drobac-Those items are the Board's decisions and she is against moving. L. Peterson-many items to comment on in the early agenda items. Lofquist-withdraws her second. MOTION: FAILS for lack of second.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. McGrath-John Bassing-We had 3 meetings as a committee and heard from Erik Jankila(Fire Chief Hibbing, MN),, Frank Zobitz (Vermilion Lake Township Chair), and Robert Moyer 11. Jankila's comment was the report fell very short because it did not provide how the stated options could be achieved. Zobitz's comments were that he was very disappointed in the work and that his 11th and 12th grade students could have done better, reading it made his blood boil, it was mostly Greenwood bashing and that in his previous work he had to read such reports and he would have failed this one. The committee broke down our critique into items we felt Irrelevant in the report, Considerations uncovered by the study and spelling, wording and punctuation mistakes. We have made 4 recommendations to the Board.

a). Contact Township Attorney

- b.) Inform McGrath of incomplete work.
- c.) New liason with McGrath
- d.) Contact the IRRRB and ask how they have handled this situation in the past.

Thank you to the committee members Lee Peterson, Bev Peterson, Julie Stoehr, Rick Stoehr, Marjie Miller, Jeff Plantz, Jeff Maus, JoAnn Bassing

- 2. Broadband-no new
- 3. Requirements Good Time Service Credits-M.Scipioni 8 yrs 1 month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Budget-2022 spent-\$284,176.09, received \$306,164.01 Difference +\$21,987.92 . We received 51,000.00 in ARPA funds which put us in the plus. Balance on 1/11/23= 710,960.22 Recommendation of \$150,000.00 Levy Request MOTION:Drobac/Lofquist to approve \$150,000.00-levy request.no dis VOTE 4/0 PASS.
- 2. TAC-John Bassing- Tower breached contract again not paying 1.66/mile transfer funds as per contract. Wanted Greenwood to review new indemnity clause and report finding. Consensus-nothing changed will not accept contract.
- 3. Tree and Brush removal- Maus- he and Sup. Stoehr will get bid to brush around township.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

Drobac: Flowers to Kristal Strong MOTION:Drobac/Lofquist send flowers to Kristal Strong no dis VOTE 4/0 PASS

Lofquist:H2O testing very low arsenic. Culligan installed new pre-filter

Skubic:None

Stoehr:None

CORRESPONDENCE: TS Historical Society Donation MOTION:Drobac/Lofquist to approve \$100.00 donation. No dis VOTE 4/0 PASS. JOINT POWERS REC.BOARD donation MOTION:Lofquist/Drobac to donate \$500.00 no dis VOTE 4/0 PASS. Jet Galonski is our rep.

CLERK'S REPORT: None

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Chief Maus-Spoke to Damon Day at F.B. about dry hydrant use. SOGs and POC need to be congruent. Wants to change requirement for Good Time Service Credit to 6/yr. Eveleth requires 35%,Fayal 25%, Gilbert 30%,Breitung 10% MOTION: Drobac/Lofquist to change GTSC to 6/yr with 1/2 months. No dis VOTE 4/0 PASS. Physicals will be in March and cost will be \$140/FF. MOTION: Lofquist/Drobac to approve paying for physicals at \$140/FF no dis VOTE 4/0 PASS. Wants to set up Admin.Assistant with email \$4/month MOTION:Drobac/Lofquist to set up email for AA no dis VOTE 4/0 PASS. NFIRS Reports not done, will need extra time from AA. MOTION:Lofquist Stoehr to authorize AA extra hours doing NFIRS Reports at \$25/hr. no dis VOTE 4/0 PASS. MN. AED Project we get free AEDs if sign agreement. MOTION:Drobac/Lofquist to sign AED Project Agreement. No dis VOTE 4/0 PASS. AA needs laptop cost \$600.00 + \$90/yr for document sharing software. MOTION: Lofquist/Stoehr to approve buying lap top and software. No dis VOTE 4/0 PASS. MOTION: Stoehr/Lofquist to pursue upgrading EMRs to EMTs in Greenwood. VOTE 4/0 PASS. MOTION:

Drobac/Stoehr to accept voluntary quit of following FF with requirement of their returning of gear within 2 weeks. Dave Fazio, Rick Worringer, Tammy Mortaloni, Howard Ankrum, Jim Galonski, Hunter Gilbert, Tom Mortaloni. Jim Galonski doesn't know what Maus is talking about. VOTE 2/1 Drobac, Stoehr Yes, Lofquist Abstain, Skubic NO. MOTION:Drobac/Stoehr to terminate Belinda Fazio. Skubic-Why, Drobac-lack of participation VOTE 3/1 PASS Skubic NO.

MOTION: Lofquist/Stoehr to adjourn. VOTE 4/0 PASS. 8:16 PM





DR. JOANN BASSING, INTERIM CLERK