

# GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9, 2023 6:30 PM

Chair Bassing calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

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ROLL CALL: Chair Bassing, Vice Chair Drobac, Supervisor Lofquist, Supervisor Skubic, Supervisor Stoehr, Treasurer Maus, Clerk JoAnn Bassing

Any changes to the agenda? None

MOTION: Drobac/Lofquist to approve agenda no dis VOTE 5/0 PASS

MOTION: Bassing/Drobac to approve Board meeting minutes of 4/11/23 with Peterson addendum. No dis VOTE 5/0 PASS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Checking 145,326.20, Savings 238,768.87, CD 252,000.08, Total 636,095.15

MOTION: Droba/Lofquist to approve Treasurer's report VOTE 5/0 PASS

CLAIMS: Void 21699, addition of McGrath 37,093.25 MOTION: Bassing/Drobac to approve Claims with voiding 21699 and addition of McGrath claim. No dis. VOTE 5/0 PASS

PAYROLL: MOTION: Lofquist/Stoehr to approve payroll no dis VOTE 5/0 PASS.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rod Politano-Wants FD problem resolved with the suggestion to select an Assistant Chief selected by members of FD in hopes the members would come back. Bassing-We have a process for selecting that was followed. S.Drobac- nobody applied. Politano-he heard the FF can't enter the townhall. Bassing-they can't enter the firehall because they disrupted a training session. Bassing reads FF blackmail letter and League of Mn Cities recommendation of hiring FD officers and members. Lee Peterson-Advises on not joining a JPB for Ambulance service and hold back funding on TAAS. According to info. Packet for Tower Council Meeting TAAS has only \$5,000.00 in its operating budget and collapse is inevitable. Rick Worringer-Asks for Chief's signature on retirement papers. Jim Galonski-Also asks for retirement papers to be signed. Dave Fazio-why closed FD meetings? Chair-previous board mandate. Are Clerk's and Treasurer's schedule 1 the same? Clerk-Yes. Fazio-secession of Oak Narrows still on? Chair- haven't heard maybe tax issue is too much. Fazio- Anonymous letter-Township attorney viewed it and photograph of gear returned to townhall as a "Voluntary Quit". 3 of 10 decided to stay. Fazio- Service credits? Chief Maus- has been done. Ralston-How many FF 1/2 on roster? Maus-7 are or in the process. Has Galonski received info he requested? Clerk-He withdrew his request. Ralston-Has 9 mph boat been repaired and what was the issue? Maus-Yes, rotten fuel lines. Ralston asks why Lofquist abstained voting on accepting voluntary quit? Lofquist-Didn't want to see anyone go. Norby-Ambulance needs restructuring at county or state level. A JPB would be hard work but we are not working well together. Tower is subsidizing the TAAS with money from Hoodoo Pt campground. Peterson-If it falls to a taxing district Greenwood would pay the most and have only 1 out of 7 votes on the JPB.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. McGrath Study: Chair Bassing called Dr. McGrath and informed him that we as a board were wholly dissatisfied with the report and gave a number of reasons why. We wanted the study to describe an upgrade to a regional ALS, assess population changes, the study overstated number

of staff, it also incorrectly stated the only way to financial viability was through transfers, and the study said it found no deficiencies in the TAAS, when in fact our RFP stated the deficiencies we wanted addressed. I requested a 30% fee reduction, to which he said no, I then said 25% to which he also said no. I then cited criticisms of the study brought by people outside our township and then he offered a 20% reduction. I told him I would take the offer to the board.

2. Lawn Service Bids-one bid \$500.00 first time, \$350.00 every time after. MOTION: Bassing/Drobac to not accept and to place ad once again. No dis VOTE 5/0 PASS
3. Attorney Contact-Chair and Attorney put together letter sent to the 4 FF that trespassed.
4. Furnace in Fire Hall-Stoehr-Has been installed, \$500.00 for furnace plus cost to install.
5. Fireboat GPS-Maus-We have them at a cost of \$2400 a piece will be installed shortly.
6. Tractor-MOTION: Lofquist/Bassing to table until next meeting. no dis VOTE 5/0 PASS.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fire Signs-Stoehr- we need to replace old sequential signs with new ones, MOTION: Lofquist/Drobac to give old signs away. No dis VOTE 5/0 PASS.
2. Phones-Clerk-Phones weren't ringing so I called Frontier and the service repair couldn't figure it out and referred us to a phone specialist in Duluth. I took a phone home and it worked fine there so I thought it was the box on BPR. Called Frontier and their service crew did fix two bad boards in the box on BPR>
3. TAC/Ad-hoc-Chair Bassing- Tower is in breach of contract yet again, thankfully this time we are not signed on. The Ad-hoc Committee Report describes a situation where funding would come from property value and this would mean Greenwood would provide 60% of the funding with only a 15% representation on the board. Many numbers in the report are misleading. Mark Drobac- Other members of the JPB would out vote us and raise the levy. Lofquist-the report should be revised to have all meetings open and held in different areas of the PSA. I can not accept this as written but I won't say never. MOTION:Bassing/Drobac-to not support the Ad-Hoc Report and to not appoint a representative to the Ad\_Hoc Committee. VOTE 5/0 PASS. MOTION:Bassing/Lofquist-to recommend the City of Tower solicit proposals to operate it's Ambulance Service by a private/public entity and mandate a minimum of part time ALS which could be subsidized by the surrounding townships. Dis. Lee Peterson- JPB create a lot of talking past each other and arguing. VOTE 5/0 PASS.
4. SLC 115: Bassing- Shoulders will be widened in summer of 2024.
5. Plowing Birch PT EXT.-Bassing-SLC wants out of plowing BPR ext. I will contact Commissioner McDonald. Request Road Supervisor contact BP Interior Association to get their ideas. Skubic agreed.

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

1. Drobac-The fire department members could reapply but it looks like they are retiring.
2. Lofquist-Correction to minutes of April. Don't think the moratorium on RV parks passed, please check.
3. Skubic-Nothing
4. Stoehr-Found more damage in the boat will need further repair.
5. Bassing-How much has been spent on FD equipment repair? Maus thinks \$15,000.00 but could be more will look into it.

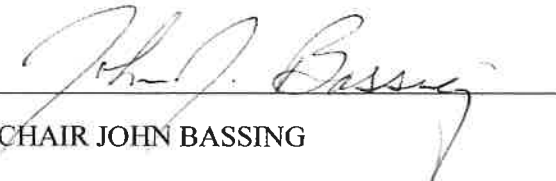
CORRESPONDENCE: clerk will present in her report.

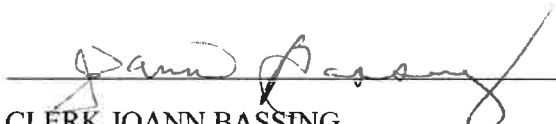
CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk- SLC Fire Protection for unorganized 2024. MOTION: Bassing/Drobac to keep the same at \$10,000.00 dis Skubic- where? 63-17.63-15. VOTE 5/0 PASS. Clerk- I have appointed Sue Drobac as Deputy Clerk and I checked with the attorney who said it was OK. Take pay out of mine. JPreC.Board didn't get a donation from Greenwood last year. MOTION: Lofquist/Drobac to make a \$400.00 donation to JPreC Board. Dis. Lofquist-wouldn't it be nice to have a skating rink again. VOTE 5/0 PASS. Floors estimate to buff 1100.00-1200.00 last year 485.00. Jodi Summit Suggests Doug Workman.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Maus- waiting to get boats in the water and new GPS units installed. Boat 1 is running but need to test foam, fuel lines were rotted and replaced. FD wants to keep it in good shape. Boat 2 all maintenance has been done. Working on SOGs for scene response protocol. Fortune Bay meeting to address 32,000 propane tank and the large amount of fertilizer stored there. Some township property has not been returned as yet. Working to enhance EMR service with a medical director and new training. Will bring back to the board for further review. If someone has not returned equipment I ask the board for support not to sign pension documents. MOTION: Lofquist/Bassing to not process retirement paperwork until all government property is returned. No dis VOTE 5/0 PASS. Stoehr- 250 psi pipe in fire boat was weld repaired but poses safety concern. Will assess and report.

MOTION: Bassing/Lofquist- to adjourn no dis VOTE 5/0 PASS

8:17 PM

  
CHAIR JOHN BASSING

  
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