

# GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2023 6:30 PM

Chair Bassing calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

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ROLL CALL: Chair Bassing, Vice-Chair Drobac, Sup. Lofquist, Sup. Skubic, Sup. Stoehr, Treasurer Maus, Clerk Bassing

Any changes to the agenda? MOTION: Stoehr/Skubic -to approve agenda no dis VOTE 5/0 PASS.

MOTION: Lofquist/Drobac- to approve minutes of board meeting 10/10/23 no dis. VOTE 5/0 PASS.

MOTION: Drobac/Lofquist- to approve minutes of Special Meeting 10/4/23 no dis VOTE 5/0 PASS.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Checking-110,235.43, Building/Capital fund-122,412.24, Broadband Fund-99,033.70, Trail Fund-20,493.38, CD-257,537.84 TOTAL-609,712.59 MOTION:Stoehr/Lofquist-to approve Treasurer's Report no dis. VOTE 5/0 PASS.

CLAIMS: MOTION: Drobac/Stoehr-to approve Claims no dis. VOTE 5/0 PASS.

PAYROLL: MOTION: Drobac/Skubic-to approve Payroll no dis. VOTE 5/0 PASS.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mark Drobac-comment as to status of lease of storage shed. Clerk said rec board turned down but will negotiate after new year. Nancy Eicholz-will discuss RD 4136 when comes up on agenda.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. PICKLEBALL: Chair Bassing presents agenda of first committee meeting and notes of the meeting. John Bassing Chair, Paul Thompson Vice-Chair, Karen Saarela Clerk. Courts 5 for 4, 1 for 3, 1 for 2, location by Pavilion, fiduciary GWT.
2. BROADBAND: Chair Bassing reports roadblock. Mn SHPO must inspect project but BOIS FORTE at VERMILION and NETT LAKE energized.
3. RD 4136; Plowing- Chair reports TJ Kladivo will plow and is looking at sanders. 4136 REPAIR: Bassing passes gavel to Vice Chair-Skubic reports having tried to contact repair person to no avail. Drobac comments that Breezy Pt gets its own gravel for residents to spread. Stoehr- It will take some engineering to improve 4136 to the point where SLC will plow. Eicholz- right now we need the potholes repaired. Lee Peterson- How wide is the rd. Mark Drobac- the citizens on 4136 are not cutting the brush. Lee Peterson- contact the attorney and set up the assessment mechanism, survey the road, determine the width and assess. Clerk-why not repair with gravel for now. MOTION: Stoehr/Skubic- to contact attorney to find out about the assessment process. Dis Eicholtz- may not be assessable. VOTE 3/0 PASS Bassing, Lofquist ABSTAIN. Eicholtz -the signs are is disrepair. Vice-Chair- they are not legal anyway.
4. CLEANING SERVICE: Clerk reports first cleaner was 35/hr but found new one at 30/hr and she did a good job. MOTION:Lofquist/Bassing-Hire new person at 30/hr 2x/month. No dis. VOTE 5/0 PASS.
5. BENCHMARK; Survey done but no report yet.
6. LVT-JPB-Chair reports he completed written letter to finalize withdrawal from JPB.

7. E&O INSURANCE- Clerk- nothing new waiting for MATIT to decide.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Senator Hauschild Meeting-Chair Bassing- Lee and I had a zoom meeting with the Senator about the ambulance service. I told him GWT was looking for shorter response time, higher level of service and not to operate an ambulance service. As with everything in this area population has declined and consolidation has occurred. Consolidation in education, health care and now we must address it in emergency services. I also spoke to ideas for recruitment and training possibilities. Lee Peterson- What is best for the patient is #1. Fewer medical procedures are being done in local area hospitals so we need more highly trained ambulance services to complete transfers to Duluth hospitals. Hibbing used to do 300 transfers/year but now do 1100-1200. Virginia does about 1400 transfers. The Legislative Auditor has deemed the EMSRB to be ineffective and not changing with the times.
2. AIRBOAT: Maus- prop cracked, muffler smashed, bad starter cant find replacement parts. MOTION: Bassing/Stoehr to return airboat to the DNR. No dis VOTE 5/0 PASS. Maus- we have other resources to replace function of airboat. Fire Brigade air sled, SLC Rescue Squad.
3. NEW HIRE: Maus- doing background check will bring to next meeting
4. EMR PENSION: MOTION: Bassing/Lofquist- to make pension commensurate with time served/month. No dis VOTE 5/0 PASS.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

1. Drobac-none
2. Lofquist-water report
3. Skubic-none
4. Stoehr-get new signs if yours are old.
5. Bassing-Budget-Sue will help, I am working on a letter to Legislative task force.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk-Can get back BAE by Feb 1. Ankrum wants a more simple contract for Shed to run from 1/1/24-12/31/24.

CLERK : One audio file on website. CTC sent wrong contract for VOIP. JPB Rec went to meeting may Receive funding for nets.

FIRE DEPT: October fire calls 6, EMS 13. Pump testing all passed but need gauge repair. Boats 1&2 are away. Tested all equipment on #5. MOTION: Drobac/Lofquist to donate all old wild land fire gear to Vermilion College. No dis VOTE 5/0 PASS. MOTION: Drobac/Lofquist-to sell 5" hose for \$2.50/ft 360 ft. total \$900.00 dis. Skubic don't we have to put it up for bids? Maus will check. VOTE 5/0 PASS. MOTION: Drobac/Lofquist- to sell 3" hose for \$1.00/ft 200ft total \$200.00 both to Solway Fire. No dis. VOTE 5/0 PASS.

MOTION: Lofquist/Skubic: to adjourn no dis. VOTE 5/0 PASS

7:46 PM

  
JOHN BASSING, CHAIR

  
JOANN BASSING, CLERK