Greenwood Township Supervisors Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: February 11, 2025 - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Roskoski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting is being recorded for transcription and archival purposes

ROLL CALL - Chair Roskoski / Vice Chair Skubic/ Supervisor Gilbert/ Supervisor Stoehr/Supervisor Bassing / Deputy Treasurer Bassing / Clerk Spicer – **All present**

Chair Roskoski extended a thank you to Aaron Cabbage and Jessica Templeton for donating a podium, stating it will provide a better focus on the speaker and they will be easier to hear.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Billett commented on the public water supply issue and suggested we contact Culligan to fix our system.

Supervisor Gilbert stated that he has already contacted Culligan and will be providing an update later in the meeting.

Paul Thompson spoke on the lack of character of certain supervisors and confronted Supervisor Bassing about an email containing a copy of Thompsons Affidavit of Candidacy and asked how he obtained it. The affidavits are locked in the Clerks file cabinet and stated Bassing didn't ask the Clerk for it or get his permission. Supervisor Bassing refused to answer and state how he received the copy. Thompson wants the Board to rebuke Bassing for his actions and tactics.

Steve Bradach agreed with Paul Thompson and said both Bassing's behavior is bad and childish.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Chair Roskoski added Item #11 under New Business – appointment of a liaison to the Fire Department.

Motion by Gilbert/Skubic to accept the Agenda, with the addition of Item #11 under New Business. **Vote 5/0 carried**

Motion Gilbert/Skubic to approve minutes from Regular Meeting held January 14, 2025. **Vote 5/0 carried**

Motion by Gilbert/Skubic to approve minutes from Special Closed Meeting held January 22, 2025. **Vote 5/0 carried**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Bassing/Stoehr to approve Treasurer's Report. Roll call Vote 2/3 fail Roskoski No, Skubic No, Bassing Yes, Stoehr Yes, Gilbert No Motion by Skubic/Gilbert to approve Claims. Vote 5/0 carried

Motion by Gilbert/Roskoski to approve Payroll. Vote5/0 carried

Clerk's financial reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Public water supply:
 - a. Letters from residents both pros and cons of funds spent on arsenic removal.
- b. Previous quote from Froe Brothers of \$2,555 to replace media is accepted. Motion by Skubic/Gilbert to accept the quote from Froe Bros. to replace the media in BrassMaster arsenic filtration system, at an estimated cost of \$2,020. Vote 5/0 carried Supervisor Gilbert will have water tested one month after media replacement and then after 3 to 6 months.
 - c. Purchase of water dispenser for Town Hall. no action
- 2. Steve Lenertz-upcoming Court action dealing with the Hendricks vacation of Birch Point Road Extension gave abundant information.

Motion by Stoehr/Bassing to direct Township Attorney to dismiss petition from Hendricks to vacate the right of way on Township Road 4136, as premature. **Roll call Vote 1/3 fail.** Roskoski No, Skubic No, Bassing abstains, Stoehr Yes, Gilbert No

Chair Roskoski stated the petition to vacate is currently in the court system and recommend sending information from Steve Lenertz to our township attorney.

Motion by Roskoski/Gilbert to forward the information provided by Steve Lenertz regarding Hendrick's request to vacate the right of way on Township 4136 to the Township Attorney.

Vote 4/0 carried - Bassing abstain

Motion by Roskoski/Skubic to rescind the Motion from Nov. 9, 2021, that allowed Mark Drobac to check/shut off and or turn on necessary supply lines - referring to water. **Vote 5/0 carried**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Township Election March 11, 2025:
 - a. Dates for absentee voting-February 7 March 10, 2025. Absentee voting in person is available at Town Hall, 9 am-1pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Absentee voting by mail is available. Applications are available on the township website or by calling Township Clerk.
- 2. Membership with Range Association of Municipalities & Schools for 2025. **Motion** by Skubic/Gilbert to approve membership renewal with the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools for 2025, in the amount of \$370.00. **Vote 5/0 carried**

- Chair Roskoski reported on the citizen committee regarding proposed renovation of Town Hall kitchen and said the committee has a lot more work to do before providing details to the board.
- Proposed 2026 Budget/Levy.
 Chair Roskoski reviewed the proposed 2026 budget and levy.

Motion by Bassing/Stoehr to increase the 2026 budget for snow plowing to \$16,000. Vote 5/0 carried

Motion by Bassing/Skubic to increase the 2026 budget for legal fees to \$16,000. **Vote 5/0** carried

Motion by Skubic/Gilbert to increase the 2026 budget for LCP to \$7,000. **Vote 5/0 carried.** Chair Roskoski stated a proposed levy of \$300,000 was included in the proposed 2026 budget. Supervisor Bassing disagreed with the proposed levy of \$300,000.

Motion by Skubic/Gilbert to accept proposed 2026 Budget, with approved revisions, and a proposed levy of \$300,000 to present at the annual Town Meeting. **Roll call Vote 4/1 carried.** Roskoski Yes, Skubic Yes, Bassing No, Stoehr Yes, Gilbert Yes

5. Adjustment of proposed taxes and actual taxes payable 2025.

Motion by Skubic/Gilbert to approve the letter to be sent to the Greenwood Township property owners to note the error in calculating the 2025 tax levy for Greenwood Township, as recommended by St. Louis County. **Vote 5/0 carried**

- 6. Request from Jeff Maus for copy of recording of the employee review closed meeting. **Motion** by Stoehr/Bassing to allow Jeff Maus to receive a copy of the recording of closed meeting for his performance review. **Roll call Vote 3/2 carried.** Roskoski Yes, Skubic No, Bassing Yes, Stoehr Yes, Gilbert No
- 7. Volunteer Firefighters Benefit Association

Motion by Gilbert/Stoehr to renew the policy with the Volunteer Firefighters Benefit Association and update the employee information for the firefighters. **Vote 5/0 carried**

8. Increased internet speed – Northeast Service Coop

Motion by Skubic/Roskoski to increase the internet package with the Northeast Service Coop to the 100 Mbps package for 24 months, at a cost of \$72.00 per month. **Vote 5/0 carried**

9. Increased pricing for Fire Boat at Gruben's Marina.

Motion by Gilbert/Stoehr to accept the quote from Gruben's Marina for rental space for the fireboat for 2025, at a cost of \$2.200.00. **Vote 5/0 carried**

10. Local Board of Appeals & Equalization- Greenwood scheduled for May 14, 2025, from 9-10am

Motion by Skubic/Gilbert to accept May 14, 2025, from 9-10am to hold the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization for Greenwood Township. **Vote 5/0 carried**Motion by Roskoski/Skubic to appoint Supervisor Gilbert as the liaison to the Fire Department. **Vote 5/0 carried**

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Skubic Road Supervisor- none

Lodging Tax Board - none

Bassing Joint Powers and Recreation- none

Gilbert

Grounds and Maintenance- none

Broadband Liaison- none

Stoehr

Noxious Weeds- none

911 Assignment- none

Roskoski

Ambulance Commission-none

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire & Rescue report provided by Interim Chief Trancheff, presented by Supervisor Gilbert. January – 2 structure fires and 2 CO/Gas fires, 20 EMS Calls, Physicals / Fit Test & Mandatory OSHA Training has been completed. New FD member has been attending EMR classes. Motion by Stoehr/Bassing to accept North Shore Compressor quote, in the amount of \$640.70, for annual air test and service of the SCBA/Cascade Breathable Air Compressor. Vote 5/0 carried

Eric Milbridge will make EMS bag tags, at a cost of \$10 per tag.

Motion by Skubic/Stoehr to authorize Interim Chief Trancheff be provided with administrative access to the I Am Responding app for the Fire Department. Vote 5/0 carried

CLERK REPORT: (Correspondence)

- 1. Tax Forfeited Land for sale
- 2. Thank you from SLC Fair Assoc. for donation
- Thank you from Vermillion Lake Assoc. for donation 3.
- Received Statement from ADP on Payroll taxes 4.

Clerk Spicer questioned why checks are not being deposited in a timely manner, as some were received in December and not deposited until late January. Deputy Treasurer Bassing responded she only did one deposit.

Motion by Gilbert/Skubic to Adjourn at 7:56 pm. Vote 5/0 carried

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 11, 2025 FOLLOWING ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED AT 8 PM

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