

Greenwood Township Supervisors Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 10, 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 Bradach/ Supervisor Bassing / Treasurer Mortaloni / Clerk Spicer – **All present**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Dejoode – stated that he was told his position as EMS Captain being posted was unfair that only the Interim jobs should be posted. He said he did not want to lose his job. Roskoski stated the postings that were to be made were not decided yet and only the Fire Chief position will be posted immediately.

Steve Lenertz – would like Greenwood Township to reconsider taking back the Board of Equalization. He felt it was unfair to have to appeal our property taxes to Duluth – St. Louis County – that is so widespread and really doesn't know the area. He stated that the St. Louis County system for measuring lakeshore was inaccurate and he was listed (and paying) for much more lakeshore than he had, and others probably were too.

Roskoski stated this could be added to a future agenda to be discussed further.

Jet Galonski – stated it used to be that a new FF applicant had to come to the Fire Department and state why they wanted to become a Firefighter. The Firefighters have to have a Fire Chief they can trust as their lives often depend on the Chiefs decisions; therefore, they should have a say in the Fire Chief hiring process with the Town Board retaining final decision.

Brenda Skorich – felt the last meeting left some people thinking the Skorich road vacation wasn't done correctly. She clarified that all legal process was done properly, and Roskoski stated she agreed it was.

Kara Tomason - Appreciates and is thankful for the water issue being resolved. She also stated she saw in TimberJay that some areas were being left out of Broadband coverage area and wants to encourage the Board to get those areas added back in.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Motion- by Roskoski/Bradach to add to New Business - 9 - Moccasin Point Landing. **Vote 5/0 carried**

Motion- by Bassing/Skubic to accept Agenda with addition. **Vote 5/0 carried**

Motion – by Skubic/Gilbert to approve minutes from regular meeting held May 13, 2025. **Vote 5/0 carried**

Motion – by Skubic/Roskoski to approve minutes from Board of Audit held May 13, 2025.

Roll Call Vote – Roskoski Y, Skubic Y, Bassing N, Gilbert Y, Bradach Y **4/1 carried**

Motion – by Gilbert/Bradach to approve minutes from Special Meeting held May 19, 2025.

Roll Call Vote – Roskoski Y, Skubic Y, Bassing N, Gilbert Y, Bradach Y **4/1 carried**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion -by Bassing/Gilbert to approve Treasurer's Report. Bassing asked why Clerk Schedule 1 was not included. The clerk replied it was forgotten. **Vote 5/0 carried**

Motion -by Bradach/Gilbert to approve Claims. Reports on Birch Point Road brushing not completed. Calgaro check of \$4,100 to be held until work confirmed complete. Skubic will follow up with Calgaro. **Vote 5/0 carried**

Motion -by Skubic/Bassing to approve Payroll. **Vote 5/0 carried**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on water test for outside public water source. Arsenic level is <1 - excellent. Gilbert will test a sample every quarter. Softener filter will still be replaced monthly.
2. Revisit donation to Tower Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board. It has been determined that many programs/events especially for children are supported through this organization. Bassing will supply TS Joint Powers Recreation Board meeting minutes.

Motion- by Roskoski/Skubic – to donate additional \$300 to Tower Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board. **Vote 5/0 carried**

3. Revisit quote from Arrowhead Locksmith Service for keyless locks for the Town Hall, due to increased pricing.

Motion – by Bradach/Gilbert to approve revised bid from Arrowhead Locksmith for \$12,503.28. **Roll Call Vote** – Roskoski Y, Skubic Y, Bassing N, Gilbert Y, Bradach Y **4/1 carried**

4. Discussion on hiring a maintenance employee, including review of costs on lawnmowing, snowplowing and cleaning services. Tabled to get figures of 2023 and 2024 costs for these services and be discussed at future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation by the Fire Department Committee. Given by Erik Jankila explaining each item of the policy and job descriptions. Discussion on suggested changes to be made. Office of EMS is now EMSRB and should be changed.

Motion – by Gilbert/ Bradach to increase the minutes from 20 to 25 in Policy #3; to decrease number of call response from 25% to 20% in Policy 3a and to clarify wage for Admin Assistant in Policy #15. **Vote 5/0 carried**

Motion – by Bradach/Skubic to appoint a committee to interview for Fire Department promotions: Personnel Committee, Fire Chief and two Community members (Julie Horihan and Karen Saarela). **Vote 5/0 carried**

Motion – by Bradach/Skubic to adopt Greenwood Fire Department Policy, with revisions. Gilbert abstains. **Vote 4/0 carried**

Motion – by Skubic/Bradach to approve Fire Department job descriptions (Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Captain, EMS Captain, Administrative Assistant). Gilbert abstains - **Roll Call Vote** – Roskoski Y, Skubic Y, Bassing N, Gilbert Y, Bradach Y **4/1 carried**

Motion – by Gilbert/ Bradach to Post Fire Chief position, with a July 3 deadline, in both papers published June 19 & 26 and on website. **Vote 5/0 carried**

2. St. Louis County - Unorganized Fire Protection Services Contract amount for 2026 – raise from \$11,000 to \$13,000 per year.

Motion -by Bassing-to keep amount at \$11,000. – no support, motion failed.

Motion -by Gilbert/Skubic to raise the contract amount to \$13,000. - **Roll Call Vote** – Roskoski Y, Skubic Y, Bassing N, Gilbert Y, Bradach Y **4/1 carried**

3. RAMS Summer BBQ & Legislative Update – invitation extended to all Board members.

4. Grant work – Additional hours

Motion – by Gilbert/ Bradach to authorize additional 10 hours per month, July thru Sept, for Treasurer to do grant work. **Vote 5/0 carried**

5. ESST – Treasurer update – Qualifying employees would earn 1 hour Safe & Sick time per 30 hours worked up to 48 hours per year. Fire Dept., Supervisors and Clerk is exempt. Currently only the Treasurer position will apply and the Clerk position will apply next year. If we have over 5 qualifying employees, we will need a policy.

6. CTC Permits for underground Construction

Motion – by Bassing/Skubic to sign permit. **Vote 5/0 carried**

7. St. Louis County - proposed amendments to Zoning Ordinance 62. Notification given.

8. Tower-Soudan 4th of July Committee requesting donations - \$100/yr. given in past

Motion – by Bassing/Skubic to donate \$100 to TS 4th of July Committee. **Vote 5/0 carried**

9. Moccasin Point DNR landing. – Email from David Farley requesting Greenwood Board members attend the Community Discussion put on by the DNR on June 18 at 5:30pm. There is concern the area will be turned into “Walmart type parking lot” and lower area property values.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Skubic Road Supervisor – will contact Calgaro on brushing Birch Pt. Road.
Lodging Tax Board Representative - none

Bassing Broadband Liaison - Bassing shared packet showing coverage area.
Joint Powers and Recreation – Bassing will provide meeting minutes.
Noxious Weeds Representative – thistles are out.
911 Assignment

Gilbert Grounds and Maintenance – getting the roofing done. May apply for Public

Works grant for windows – Program information supplied.
Fire Department Liaison – see FD report

Bradach Recreation Committee Liaison – Pickleball June 8 event had nice turnout.
Flyers available for the June 28 picnic/potluck.

Roskoski **Ambulance Commission – no meeting.**
RAMS Representative

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. Hiring of Administrative Assistant. – to repost with new job description.
2. 1 structure fire 4 wildland fires 23 EMS calls

CLERK REPORT (Correspondence)

1. Received a “Thank you for donation” from Cook Timber Days Festival

Motion – by Bassing/Gilbert to Adjourn at 9:00pm. **Vote 5/0 carried**

Chair



Clerk



NEXT MEETING: July 8, 2025 TIME 6:30 PM