Greenwood Township Supervisors Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 9, 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 3 minutes)

Kathy Lovgren would like to thank whoever made the Greenwood sign on Hwy 77 visible again, it hadn't been for several years. Roskoski states it was her husband.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Motion by Bassing/Skubic to discuss discipline of Fire Department and all its employees. Add as New Business item #10. **Vote 5/0 Carried**

Add to New Business #3-Trail Easement. & #11 Conciliation Court

Motion- by Bassing/Bradach to accept Agenda with additions. Vote 5/0 Carried

Motion -by Bassing/Gilbert to approve minutes from regular meeting held August 12, 2025. **Vote 5/0 Carried**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receipts for August - \$43,005.88 Disbursements - \$41,611.18 Adjusted Checking balance is \$122,955.26

Jumbo - \$100,905.09

Road Fund - \$27,495.31

Building/Capital – \$99,802.46

Broadband - \$102,277.99

Trail – \$23,599.16

Total - \$477,035.27

Motion – by Bassing/Skubic to approve Treasurer's Report. Vote 5/0 Carried

Motion – by Skubic/Bassing to approve Claims. Vote 5/0 Carried

Motion -by Gilbert/Bassing to approve Payroll. Vote 5/0 Carried

Annual Trail Fund transfer? It was typically done between July and September – one year was missed then it was paid twice, the last payment was Oct 2024.

Motion - by Bradach/Skubic to transfer \$2000 to walking trail fund. Vote 5/0 Carried

Building Capital Fund transfer? It wasn't moved to General fund to pay for new roofing. It was decided to leave the funds in savings.

Grant Committee? - see #6 under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

 Discussion on hiring a maintenance employee, including review of costs on lawnmowing, snowplowing and cleaning services. No one could remember who requested this to be discussed.

Motion - by Bassing/Skubic to Table indefinitely. Vote 5/0 Carried

2. Quotes for new computer for the Clerk and Treasurer. Questions on the different quotes.

Motion - by Bassing/Skubic to install Windows 11 & get new computers when a grant is available. **Roll call vote** - Roskoski-No, Skubic Yes, Bassing-Yes, Gilbert-No, Bradach-No **2/3 Motion Failed**

Motion - by Gilbert/Bradach to Table to October meeting for clarification of quotes. **Vote 5/0 Carried**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Presentation by Kitchen Committee on proposed updates to Town Hall kitchen. Catherine Farley represented Kitchen Committee and thanked all for their help and input. Each Supervisor had previously been provided with a 3-ring notebook with thorough coverage of all aspects to bring kitchen into Health Department code for a functional/commercial kitchen. All information presented was not a proposal or recommendation, just informational. It was also mentioned that the kitchen water would need to be brought to potable standards. As it does not run through the Brassmaster arsenic filter. Committee members are Catherine Farley, Kathy Lovgren, Colleen Lepper, Elaine McGillvray, Linda Smith and David Farley. Board members agreed the research was extensive and impressive and thanked committee members for their hard work. Committee members would like Board to decide if the kitchen will be used for general purpose for employees and current users or commercial use for all of the community to use- stating "food brings people together". It was recommended to bring this up at the annual meeting for additional public input.
- Request to relocate "Little Free Library" to township property.
 Motion by Bassing/Gilbert to Table to October meeting after further location research is done.
 Vote 5/0 Carried
- 3. Greenwood Recreational Trail Easement. A copy of the Greenwood Township Recreational Trail Easement entered on December 11, 2001, verifying the agreement conditions and that property owners are fully immune to any liability created within the easement area.

4. Hall rental request for unusual amount of weekly time + unlimited time period – potential to open a monopoly of Hall usage.

Motion – by Bradach/Skubic to Table Kate Bassing Hall Rental Application indefinitely until Kate Bassing can provide further information. **Vote 4/0 Carried** John Bassing abstained

5. Consider changes to Town Hall and Pavilion Rental Agreement.

Motion – by Skubic/Gilbert to approve updated Hall Pavilion Rental Agreement. Vote 5/0 Carried

6. Update on grant applications.

Motion – by Bradach/Gilbert to authorize Treasurer to submit an IRRRB Regional Trails Grant, up to \$100,000 to repair walking trail, including culverts and signage. Vote 5/0 Carried Quotes for snowplowing the Town Hall parking lot and Township Road for 2025/2026 winter. Motion – by Skubic/Bassing to advertise for snowplowing parking lot and snowplow/sanding Birch Point Extension, with a minimum of 2" of snow before plowing, for the 2025-2026 season.

Vote 5/0 Carried

Fire Department:

- a. Posting of Fire Department positions:
 - i. Assistant Fire Chief.
 - ii. Fire Captain.
 - iii. EMS Captain.

One person applied for EMS Captain. She is currently in the department and like having Medical Director.

Motion – Bassing/Bradach to name Tammy Dowden EMS Captain of Greenwood Fire Department. **Vote 5/0 Carried**

- 7. Discussion on transparency. Please refer to attached letter presented by Supervisor Roskoski.
- 8. Discuss discipline policy for Fire Department and all its employees. Bassing once again brought up discipline of a former employee, but Roskoski quickly ended the conversation repeating it is not legal to discuss employee disciplinary action in a public meeting and asking Bassing if he would like to schedule a closed meeting. He answered "no" and attempted to continue but Roskoski made a motion to table the discussion.

Motion – by Roskoski/Gilbert to Table Fire Department discipline policy. Roll call vote – Roskosy-Yes, Skubic Yes, Bassing-No, Gilbert-Yes, Bradach-Yes 4/1 Carried

Conciliation Court hearing rescheduled.

Motion – by Bradach/Skubic to allow Supervisor Roskoski to continue presenting the information for Greenwood Township on the Bassing vs Greenwood Township Conciliation Court case. **Vote 4/0 Carried** John Bassing abstained

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Skubic Road Supervisor - nothing new

Lodging Tax Board Representative - nothing new

Bassing Broadband Liaison

Joint Powers and Recreation - nothing new Noxious Weeds Representative - nothing new

911 Assignment – made seven 911 signs and replaced a wrong address number.

Gilbert

Grounds and Maintenance - changed filters and will retest water sample Oct. 1

Fire Department Liaison – see attached Fire Report

Bradach

Recreation Committee Liaison – Pickleballers have been busy. They relocated the

shed and prepared it for wiring for power and internet and did some landscaping.

Roskoski

Ambulance Commission – no meeting yet but good news- Dena is back to work.

RAMS Representative – nothing new

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

See attached Fire Report

CLERK REPORT (Correspondence)

- 1. All governments required to change to ".gov" domain by June 1, 2021 and meet WCAG 2.1 level Compliance by April 26, 2027.
- 2. Thank you from Northland Law Enforcement K-9 Foundation for our donation.

Motion to Adjourn – by Skubic/Gilbert at 8:16pm. Vote 5/0 Carried

NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Chair

Clark

Presented by Lois Roskosk-Chair

Let's talk about transparency. Since March of 2024, when three new supervisors came on board, a lot of changes have been made to promote transparency:

Agenda packets are published on the GT website the week prior to the board meetings.

Agendas are posted on the GT Facebook page.

Board meeting are "live" streamed on the GT Facebook page.

Telephone access is still available at the meetings

That is Transparency!

Prior to March, 2024, you could hardly get an agenda before a board meeting.

Committees have been formed that include representation from residents. Fire Committee, fire promotions, kitchen committee. The number of people attending meetings has significantly increased and hundreds of people view the meetings on line. Several residents are eager to volunteer to move Greenwood forward. Just look at the number of residents involved in recreation projects and planning community events! It is a positive movement!

Since March of 2024, two people who were knowledgeable in accounting were hiring to correct the Clerk and Treasurer books, going back to 1/1/22. Changes were made and resubmitted to the State auditor. That is transparency!

The majority of the previous board stated the Clerk and Treasurer's books matched in 2022 and 2023, but it was confirmed that it was an outright lie.

Public employees in Minnesota have numerous rights per MN Statutes that private employers do not have to follow. Since March of 2024, the board following the legal process when dealing with personnel issues. Employees were afforded the appropriate hearings and confidentiality. But it does come with a price in legal fees. That is transparency.

The majority of previous boards terminated several employees of the Fire Department without following MN Statutes. Supervisor Bassing continues to try to violate the rights of employees by divulging confidential information at a public meeting and spew misinformation about the Fire Department. There are a few others that previously held township positions that like to cause disruptions and spread misinformation.

Greenwood residents are demanding these changes in transparency and positivity, as proven in the last two township elections, where incumbents have been ousted by an overwhelming margin.

The majority of the current board will continue to move this township forward in a positive manner and following the rules.

Recently, a sign was placed at the GT border, claiming transparency died here in Loisville. Pretty hypocritical to post an anonymous sign in the dark of night regarding the lack of transparency. You have proven who is not being transparent. Let me know if this is your sign and I will get it back to you with one correction.

Transparency "thrives" here!

Greenwood Fire & Rescue

July 2025

Fire Calls
2 Phone Activation
2 Lake Access (EMS assist)
2 EMS assist
2 Auto Alarm

EMS Calls 23 Total

Fire

We will be exploring a box alarm with Cook Fire over the next few months in hopes of having something formal completed by the end of the year. This will be a great advantage to both communities for both manpower and equipment in the future. We would like to thank Cook FD for reaching out and proposing this as an option to strengthen our mutual aid relationship!

Annual pump testing has been performed by EAM on Engine #1, Tender #3, Rescue #5, Boat #1

Tender #3 is having a priming issue on the DS & PS 5" suction but is still able to pump from its tank and act in its tender capacity. We are working to have the problem identified and resolved as soon as possible.

The wildland PPE order is near complete we are still waiting on two items.

EMS

Our medical oxygen bottles were past hydro test dates and have been swapped out for current ones.

The AEDs have been looked over by the acting EMS Captain the pads are expired and batteries will need replacement asap see attached quote. These are a critical piece of equipment and we ask that the board approve the purchase.

The new airway equipment has been ordered.