

**GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
November 13, 2018
Unapproved Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Fred Lindsey.

ROLL CALL

Present: Fred Lindsey, John Miller, Carol Havrilla, Tom McCauley and Suzy Scott.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion was made by McCauley and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as presented with changes, re: Tom McCauley's resignation.

Ayes: All.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Recycling: Doug Wellman from Whitehouse Disposal presented information and prices for recycling with American Waste in Traverse City. The cost to the Township will increase, but all recycling material, including glass, will be accepted and disposed of in the same container.

B. Tee-Lake Boating Hours: Miller makes motion to hold a public hearing on the 11th of December, 2018 regarding a change of boating hours on Tee Lake. Havrilla seconds.

Ayes: All.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

C. Road Bill 396 Resolution:

**GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION ON SENATE BILL 396**

WHEREAS, roads are the backbone of the social, cultural and economic stability of Oscoda County and our region, and particularly Greenwood Township, which makes significant annual contributions to preservation, maintenance and other activities on the local road system; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018, allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (also known as "frost laws") to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, it is a fact in Greenwood Township and throughout all Northern states that all roads become soft in the spring as frost melts, and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading and traffic on soft roads, whether paved or unpaved, is poor public policy that defies common sense when it comes to road preservation, and will lead to significant damage to the road system, economic damage in Greenwood Township and increased risk to drivers in our region; and

WHEREAS, SB-396 also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 *will result in costly damage to the public road system which is the opposite of what the Michigan Legislature and the people of Michigan called for in the 2015 Michigan Transportation Package*; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 *will negatively impact the traveling public* accessing the road system, burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs, as well as increased county and township contributions to maintain the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system will negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Greenwood Township residents and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, Greenwood Township works closely with the Oscoda County Road Commission to maintain our vital local road network and to accommodate the logging industry wherever possible to also maintain the economic vitality of our region;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Greenwood Township hereby **strongly opposes** SB 396 (S-5); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a vote hereon be taken by aye and nay and spread at large on the minutes of the Board. Motion made by Havrilla to approve the Resolution regarding Senate Bill 396 as presented. McCauley seconds.

Ayes: Havrilla, McCauley, Scott, Miller, and Lindsey.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

D. Tom McCauley's Resignation: Havrilla makes Motion to accept Tom McCauley's resignation as Trustee. Scott seconds.

Ayes: All.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Sheriff: Kevin Grace announced that the Take Back Drugs Program last month yielded over 40# of medications.

Fire Department: John Miller, on behalf of Chief Dunsmore, gave the report.

Zoning Administrator: Jim Havrilla reported on permits, violations, and demolitions.

Planning Commission: John Kischnick reported on ordinances and regulations. Next meeting is November 20, 2018.

Z.B.A.: Nothing to report.

Assessor: Rick Monk announced that the Board of Review will be meeting on December 12, 2018.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by McCauley to accept the minutes of October 9, 2018.

Ayes: All.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Motion was made by McCauley and seconded by Miller to accept the minutes of the October 31, 2018 Special Meeting.

Ayes: All.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carol Havrilla presented the Treasurer's report.

MANIFEST OF BILLS

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by McCauley to accept the Manifest of Bills as presented.

Ayes: All.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Kischnick informed the township that no further bids were received on the ambulance.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Bryan E. Graham, township attorney, concerning medical marijuana.

BOARD REMARKS

Lindsey announces that there are currently 4 firefighters signed up for the Fire Fighter I & II class to be held in Gaylord.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by McCauley to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
Ayes: All.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Suzanne C. Scott, Clerk

Fred V. Lindsey, Supervisor