

Minutes

Tuesday

March 8, 2022

**1. Meeting called to order** at 7:00 pm

**Board Members present:** Jerry Rohde, Supervisor; Neil Jenkins, Trustee; Marguerite Cooper, Treasurer; Kelly Bushre, Clerk; Brian Goward, Trustee.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance recited**

**3. Public Comments –** Commissioner Jan Bunting reported on the ARPA Funds of the County.

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda** – B. Goward made motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. N. Jenkins with support. Motion carried. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**5. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by J. Rohde to approve the Agenda with addition of Item #5 under the Treasurers report Hooks request letter. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried.

**6. Guest** – none

**7. Approval of Minutes** – 2-8-2022

**Township Board Minutes -** Motion by J. Rohde and support by M. Cooper to approve the minutes of 2-8-2022. Motion carried. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**8. Approval of Invoices** – Motion by B. Goward to approve bills for payment as presented, Support by M. Cooper. Yes Votes: Rohde, Jenkins, Cooper, Bushre, Goward. No: 0 votes. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**9. Report by:**

**Supervisor:**

1. **Zoning Permits:** J. Cooper for a Pole Bldg.
2. **Land Division:** none
3. **Assessing update**: Assessments notices will go out at the end of February. Board of Review will meet on March 8th for the Organization meeting, with BOR on March 14th & 15th. Working on the 2022 Tax Roll.
4. **Complaints –** Cooper received a text of someone living in a shed. Discussed.
5. **MREC –** Still working on the final settlement details.
6. **GIS –** elected new officers. Have extra money in account so maybe doing a fly over update in 3 years not 5.
7. **Gratiot Road Commission Mtg. –** Discussed on the Road commission as done and what would like to do. Will be doing 1 mile of Barry Rd. and the other 2 miles in the next year.

**Treasurer:**

1. **Tax update** –2022 taxes collection is at 96.6%. All past due have been sent to the County Treasurers office. Will be working with the county to complete the settlement for the 2022 taxes.
2. **Drain at Large** – that was paid back in January.
3. **Deputy Update** – Received a resignation letter from Emma Rohde. She has taken a new position over the Gratiot County Treasurers office. I am appointing Sherry Orihel as my new deputy.
4. **Kim Garcia** – is interested in a position at the Twp. Discussed and will keep in mind if any openings come available.
5. **Hooks request letter** – Received a letter from Sally Hooks of Hooks Farms on delinquent summer taxes (due to not sending in required deferment papers) and late fees on summer and winter taxes. Motion by N. Jenkins to not waive late fees on delinquent taxes. Support by K. Bushre. Motion carried on a 5 yes and 0 no vote.

**Clerk:**

1. **Update –** upcoming events in the Township. Hall rentals are going well.
2. **ARPA Funds Mtg.** –working on ideas and getting information and/or bids on projects. Talking with county and apply for some of the County funds.
3. **Elections –** just getting all the information for the May 3 election. Will be sending out Absente applications on Friday. Other elections for 2022 will be on August 2nd and November 8th.

**10. Fire/Rescue Department**

**1.** 56 day and 55 runs for the rescue so far in 2022. Looking to purchase 3 new hands held radios and 3 new pagers. Will be getting a new 1st responder truck that will be used for an on call vehicle for the on call responder.

**2.** 2022/2023 Budget – Motion by K. Bushre to approve the 2022/2023 Breckenridge/Wheeler Fire/Rescue Budget as presented. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Yes: Bushre, Jenkins, Goward, Cooper, Rohde. No: none.

**11. Unfinished Business**

None

**12. New Business**

**1. Road Commission Contracts –** discussed what was recommended by the County Road Commission. Supervisor Rohde will put a plan together on the amount of miles of gravel and what roads to improve with the gravel. Also how many applications of brining on the roads.

**2. Blight Ordinance –** Rohde suggested we continue with the County Blight Ordinance. Discussed. Motion made by Jenkins to continue with the County Blight Ordinance for another year with the changes of the ability to submit the cases and the decreased cost to $1000 per year. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried on a roll call vote. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**13. Public Comments** – none

**14. Board Comments** – none

**15. Adjournment** - J. Rohde adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

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Jerome Rohde, Supervisor Kelly A. Bushre, Clerk