

**January 08, 2013**  
**Greenwood Township – Regular Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Greenwood Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Terry Gill at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenwood Township Hall, 9025 Yale Road. Other board members present were Clerk O'Brien, Treasurer Ramsey, and Trustees Jonseck and Stewart along with 8 residents. Supervisor Gill requested that the agenda be corrected to put fire contract discussion last on the agenda and to move posters for new Labor Laws to the bills. The minutes from the regular meeting on December 11, 2012 were approved as presented.

In correspondence, Gill announced that she received a call from Mark Brochu, Director of Parks in St Clair County. He wanted the township to know that Parks & Recreation will be approaching Detroit Edison about putting in a grant application to the State to purchase the railroad right of way for use as part of the trail system. Stewart discussed information regarding the County meeting about the Landfill on December 18, 2012 that Stewart and Gill attended. At the meeting the County discussed amending the St. Clair County Solid Waste Plan so that the County can bring in out of county waste. This would require a vote of the Townships. Gill discussed the ITC Public Hearing. The hearing only covered the south portion of Greenwood Township up to the Greenwood Energy Center and there will be another public hearing that will cover from the Greenwood Energy Center to the Sanilac County line.

The treasurer's report was read by Ramsey and approved.

O'Brien discussed the bill for Personnel Concepts in the amount of \$50.90. This is for the renewal of the Labor Law Poster that must be displayed at the Township. Stewart made a motion to approve the monthly bills as presented with Jonseck seconding. Motion carried 5-0.

Stewart announced there will be a Planning Commission meeting on January 16, 2013 and a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on January 24, 2013.

Gill made a motion to give Heather Stewart a raise from \$11.00 to \$12.00 per hour for the position of Office Secretary. It is customary to give a raise at the end of the first year. Ramsey seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Gill made a motion to send any interested Township Board members and Board of Review members and alternates to MTA Board of Review training. Stewart seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Gill made a motion to hire Techman Computers to replace the power supply on the Township Server. O'Brien seconding. Motion carried 5-0.

Stewart opened a discussion about Greenwood's fire contract with Kenockee Township. The current contract with Kenockee states that Greenwood Township provide and maintain a fire truck and hall for Kenockee Township firefighters use. Currently Greenwood Township pays \$39,643.46 plus a \$6,000.00 equipment fee for a total of \$45,643.46. In the last year the township has spent an additional \$30,524.33 to maintain the fire truck and hall as well as loose equipment that has been purchased by Greenwood

Township over the years. Due to upcoming changes in the Personal Property Tax laws the Township may lose revenue. The contract with Kenockee is up for renewal March 31, 2013. The Township would like to explore all options with the possibility of cutting expenses without reducing protection. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Gill and Stewart continue meeting with Kenockee and Brockway Township to see what they can offer. During public comments three residents and board members shared concern that keeping medical first responders was a priority. Gill informed the board that Ken Cummings, the Director from Tri County EMS, will attend the February meeting to answer any questions about medical coverage. The township is asking the residents to contact the township with any questions, concerns or feedback. The discussion regarding this will continue at the regular board meeting on February 12, 2013.

Also during public comment, a resident asked why the Road Commission applied limestone to some of the roads. The resident would prefer gravel to be applied instead of limestone. The resident discussed that the roads with limestone are iced over compared to the gravel that are not. The resident was informed that the board will be having a meeting February 27, 2013 with the Road Commission and will discuss this with them.

Gill made a motion to adjourn. Ramsey seconding. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:12 p.m.

Sonya O'Brien  
Greenwood Township Clerk