

Township of Greenbush
Township Board
Special Meeting Minutes - FINAL
May 07, 2020 - 7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order**

Supervisor Major called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Meeting held via Zoom.

2. **Roll Call**

Township Board members present: Supervisor Major, Trustee Parent, Treasurer Dailey, Clerk Story.

Township Board members absent: Trustee Scott.

Others present Fire Chief Franks and Zoning Administrator Pelland.

3. **Agenda**

Add: Next meetings under New Business and Township Credit Cards under Unfinished Business.

Motion made by Treasurer Dailey. Seconded by Trustee Parent to approve the agenda as amended. Upon roll call vote the following voted: "Aye": Supervisor Major, Trustee Parent, Treasurer Dailey, Trustee Parent. "No": none. "Absent": Trustee Scott. Motion Carried. The Supervisor Major declared the resolution adopted.

4. **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

None

5. **Public Comment** (5-minute time limit)

Public comment period opened at 7:11 pm. There were no public comments. Public comment period closed at 7:12 pm.

6. **New Business**

a. Fire and Road millages

There was significant discussion on whether or not to consider placing a question on the ballot for a new Fire and a new Road Millage, what election if the board decided to add the question, what amounts for each, and what duration for each.

The board considered anticipated future expenditures for both the Fire and Road Funds and determined to place questions on the August 4, 2020 ballot for both a new Fire and Road Millage:

Fire Millage request for 0.90 mills, for 10 years, for years 2020-2029, generating an estimated \$91,773 for the first year levied. Language for ballot:

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**TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT
MILLAGE INCREASE PROPOSAL**

Shall the previously approved millage of 0.50 mills (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied from 2018 through 2021 for the purposes of fire protection, operation and repair of fire-related equipment and department building be supplemented and thereby increased by a new additional millage of 0.90 mills (\$0.90 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for ten years, 2020 through 2029, for the purpose of fire protection, purchase of replacement fire protection vehicles (e.g. Pumper and Brush Truck), purchase of fire protection equipment (e.g. Bunker Gear and SCBA Tanks), purchase of heating equipment for department building, and operation and repair of fire related equipment and department building thus raising, in addition to the preexisting millage revenue levied through 2021, an estimated \$91,773 in the first year the new millage is levied?

RESOLUTION 2020-0507.001:

Township of Greenbush, Alcona County
Resolution Number 2020-0507.001

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Township of Greenbush wishes to provide Fire Protection; and

WHEREAS, townships may provide Fire Protection, as authorized by Public Act 33 of 1951, MCL 41.801; and

WHEREAS, townships may contract and cooperate with other entities to provide Fire Protection, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy ad valorem property taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Township of Greenbush wishes to levy 0.90 mills to provide Fire Protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Township of Greenbush, Alcona County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 04, 2020, election ballot:

**TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT
MILLAGE INCREASE PROPOSAL**

Shall the previously approved millage of 0.50 mills (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied from 2018 through 2021 for the purposes of fire protection, operation and repair of fire-related equipment and department building be supplemented and thereby increased by a new additional millage of 0.90 mills (\$0.90 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for ten years, 2020 through 2029, for the purpose of fire protection, purchase of replacement fire protection vehicles (e.g. Pumper and Brush Truck), purchase of fire protection equipment (e.g. Bunker Gear and SCBA Tanks), purchase of heating equipment

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for department building, and operation and repair of fire related equipment and department building thus raising, in addition to the preexisting millage revenue levied through 2021, an estimated \$91,773 in the first year the new millage is levied?

Motion made by Treasurer Dailey. Seconded by Trustee Parent. Upon roll call vote the following voted: "Aye": Supervisor Major, Trustee Parent, Treasurer Dailey, Clerk Story. "No": none. "Absent": Trustee Scott. Motion Carried. The Supervisor Major declared the resolution adopted.

Road Millage request for 1.25 mills, for 10 years, for years 2020-2029, generating an estimated \$127,463 for the first year levied. Language for ballot:

**TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH ROAD IMPROVEMENT
MILLAGE INCREASE PROPOSAL**

Shall the previously approved millage of 0.75 mills (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied from 2018 through 2021 for the purposes of road improvement, construction and maintenance within the Township be supplemented and thereby increased by a new additional millage of 1.25 mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for ten years, 2020 through 2029, for the purpose of road improvement, construction and maintenance within the Township thus raising, in addition to the preexisting millage revenue levied through 2021, an estimated \$ 127,463 in the first year the new millage is levied?

RESOLUTION 2020-0507.002:

***Township of Greenbush, Alcona County
Resolution Number 2020-0507.002***

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Township of Greenbush wishes to provide Road Improvements; and

WHEREAS, townships may provide Road Improvements, as authorized by Public Act 51 of 1951, MCL 247.670; and

WHEREAS, townships may contract and cooperate with other entities to provide Road Improvements, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy ad valorem property taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Township of Greenbush wishes to levy 1.25 mills to provide Road Improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Township of Greenbush, Alcona County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 04, 2020, election ballot:

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**TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH ROAD IMPROVEMENT
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Motion made by Clerk Story. Seconded by Trustee Parent. Upon roll call vote the following voted: "Aye": Supervisor Major, Trustee Parent, Treasurer Dailey, Clerk Story. "No": none. "Absent": Trustee Scott. Motion Carried. The Supervisor [Major](#) declared the resolution adopted.

b. Next meetings

i. Next special meeting

1. 08May20 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. To approve 07May20~~20~~ meeting minutes.

ii. Next regular meeting

1. 12May20 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

7. **Unfinished Business**

a. Township credit cards

- i. Motion by Treasurer Dailey/Second by Supervisor Major to Authorize the Clerk to apply for township credit cards through Chemical Bank for authorized individuals, instead of Huron Community Bank.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

"Aye": Supervisor Major, Trustee Parent, Treasurer Dailey, Clerk Story. "No": none. "Absent": Trustee Scott. [Motion carried.](#)

8. **Public Comment** (5-minute time limit)

Public comment opened at 9:14 pm.

Mark Parent: what are we doing about opening of Township Parks? Supervisor Major – parks not closed, individuals required to follow State of Michigan social distancing guidelines. Cedar Lake Park to remain close for the time period simply due to weather and lack of porta-potties.

Mark Parent: what is happening with dam on north end of Cedar Lake? Supervisor Major – no details. See article in today's Alpena News.

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Mark Parent: what is going on with recreational passport for Cedar Lake Access. Supervisor Major – MDNR launch, they make the rules.

Mark Parent: what is happening with cleanup day? Fire Chief Franks – not happening this weekend. Supervisor Major – Due to current EO and interest in reducing Fire Department/MFR member exposure to COVID-19 the cleanup day is postponed for the time being.

Public comment closed at 9:28 pm.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to conduct Supervisor Major declared the meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Minutes approved by the Township Board on 08May20.