**Town of Greenfield – Monroe County**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

October 14, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

Greenfield Town Hall, Tunnel City

Board Members Present (5) Chairman David Pierce, First Supervisor Don Hall, Second Supervisor Scott Berg, Treasurer Cindy Berg, Clerk Kathy Von Haden and Deputy Clerk, Deb Stott. Six township members were in attendance.

Call to Order/Pledge: Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order.

Clerk’s Report:

Clerk Von Haden read the September 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Supervisor Hall to accept the minutes as read. Supervisor Berg seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s/Financial Report

Treasurer Berg read the September 2024 financial report. It included bank account balances and bills paid on the clerk’s reconciliation report. It also included income from garbage and recycling, hall rent, GEC inspections, and $30,000 from WTC for the tax chargeback. There are currently three outstanding unpaid fire calls. Cindy has sent out the bills and is waiting to hear back from them. There was some discussion on the fire calls. The Dykstra accident was on a state highway so we will get some payback from the state for that. Cindy also had the balance for our loan indebtedness at $175,000 but we will be paying $16,000 to Riverbank. A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to accept the treasurer’s report. Supervisor Hall seconded. Motion carried. Dave did say that he talked to the County about going after the Bergstrom bill and it will cost a lot so we might need to cover this bill.

TASD Mike Hansen

Mr. Hansen passed a handout to everyone explaining the Referendum that will be on the November 5th ballot. He talked about the lack of space for growing areas such as the Band Departments and the Tech Ed class area. Hansen stated that the High School will become the Middle School, and the Middle School will be turned into an Elementary School. He also explained what would happen to the rest of the Elementary Schools. Mr. Hansen said the tax increase will be 2.59 per thousand and the Levy will be at the $8.00 mark. The new building will bring the High School up to the 21st Century level. He said there are informative meetings to be held at the High School Cafeteria. There were questions on what will happen if this doesn’t pass, and Mr. Hansen said they have a plan B in place and will go back to regroup. There was discussion on where this will be built and how long it will take to pay this off and Hansen stated it will be 27 years

Tomah Ambulance Report:

Supervisor Berg said he attended the meeting and as of right now they are not planning on buying any new ambulances but would rather take the old ones and have them refurbished for a portion of the cost. Scott said the ambulance service is possibly going to be servicing the VA for their ambulance needs. Berg also said there is not going to be a rise in rates.

Assessor Contract-Reevaluation

Chairman Pierce said that we are in a re-evaluation year for the Township of Greenfield and our Assessor’s Contract and the rate will increase to $15,200 for 2025. Dave asked for a motion to accept this new contract amount. A motion was made by Supervisor Berg and seconded by Supervisor Hall. Motion carried. Dave explained this is a one-year amount and then it will go back to the current contract amount of $4800 annually.

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Roads Report

Chairman Pierce said the new blacktop is down on Egret and it looks good. They will do shouldering later in the month. Dave said they took a letter to the Ho Chunk to request $402,000 to cover the cost of Gerke’s first bill. They said they will process it and may have the check by the end of the week so we can pay Gerke’s. The next portion will be more, and we will approach the Ho Chunk again for the balance they pledged up to $750,000. Then we will have to pay Gerke’s balance before we can get the ARIP money.

Patrolman’s Report

Cody said Egret is done and mowing is done, and he has one ditching project to do by Merchant’s driveway. He said he will be getting ready for fall and winter and will be using up some vacation time.

Covia Report

Nick reported that they are wrapping up the tree clearing project and stripping will soon start in November so there will be more equipment coming in and out. They are working to get 60 hourly employee limit. They are hoping to get to a 5-day work week. Nick said the cars are coming in good, so they don’t usually have a wait time for cars.

Chairman’s Report:

Dave said we just did an insurance reevaluation with TRICOR and they will be sending a new plan. The Board will meet on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. to work on the budget for 2025. The Board completed the WISLR Report at the Agenda meeting. Supervisor Hall talked about the Annual Fire Meeting and said the Budget went up by $2500. He said that buying a new truck will run $998,000 and there is a wait time of 4 years. Dave answered questions and there was discussion on this. Ed Tomko asked if we heard anything on the government giving money for the fiber optic lines and Dave said that is not available in the area.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Supervisor Hall to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Berg seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

**Agenda Meeting** – December 5th, 8:30 am. Greenfield Town Hall

**Monthly Town Meeting** –December 9th, 7 p.m. Greenfield Town Hall

**WTA Meeting---**November 21st--7:00p.m. Tap House Twenty

**Hall Rentals**

November 16---Shutters

November 28---Berndt