



# Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes

## Greenvale Township

<b>Treasurer Report</b>	<p>Treasurer report was given as presented in the public packet. Correspondence regarding volunteers and legal advise from MAT resulted in reiterated need for volunteer forms to be filled out if citizens volunteer their time. However, further legal opinion is needed regarding township liability.</p> <p>Motion to have treasurer move \$15,000 from 4M to checking</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Chair Anderson                  Second: Supervisor Royle                  Action on Motion Passed Unanimously</p>
<b>Treasurer Report</b>	<p>Motion to approve treasurer report</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Chair Anderson                  Second: Supervisor Royle                  Action on Motion Passed Unanimously</p>
<b>Treasurer Report</b>	<p>Motion to approve claims for the month</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Chair Anderson                  Second: Supervisor Norkunas                  Action on Motion Passed Unanimously</p>
<b>BUDGET DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Clerk and Treasurer presented information to all attendees regarding proposed 2026 budget. Hand-outs were available for all attendees that included summarized slides, as well as specific line-item budgets for Road, General Fund, and Fire Services. Questions and comments by all in attendance would be heard throughout the process, specifically after each major part of the budget was presented, then the board would decide on a recommended Levy amount to present at the Annual Meeting. The discussion began with a view of funds available at end of Calendar Year (CY) and current balances. Mark Malecha was called forward, the road budget was discussed in detail. Some discussion on accounting lines took place. The road team has been prudent in their use of funds and will continue to be.</p> <p>After discussion with board and citizens a motion was made to recommend 2027's Levy amount be set at \$300,000</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Supervisor Royle                  Second: Chair Anderson                  Action on Motion Passed Unanimously</p>
<b>BUDGET DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Bridge Account was discussed briefly. There would be some outflows this year due to a repair project. One citizen commented on the redundancy of this tax and believes it may impair township's ability to receive grants.</p> <p>After further discussion by board and citizens, a motion was made to recommend 2027's Levy for Bridge Fund be set at \$25,000</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Supervisor Royle                  Second: Chair Anderson                  Action on Motion Passed Unanimously</p>

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<b>BUDGET DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The General Fund budget was presented, which was noted as the most complex part of the township budget. One citizen recommended keeping the levy at \$46,000. Discussion on Election Judge pay centered on the hourly amount and number of judges normally staffing. The township meets standard pay compared to other cities and townships and our staffing is in compliance with standards set by the county. Some discussion centering on an absentee only election was had. Greenvale has the highest turnout of any township in Dakota and our citizens prefer in-person. Future considerations of moving to November township elections would save \$2,000. Discussion on funding of positions yielded agreement that the following pay changes be considered at the reorganization meeting: Clerk/dep clerk: \$35/hr, Treasurer \$35/hr, PC Members: \$60/mtg, Road Comte: \$50/mtg, Board: 80. Also a discussion on providing phones for board and clerk should be had.</p> <p>A motion was made to recommend the levy for 2027 be set at \$55,000</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Supervisor Royle                  Second: Chair Anderson                  Action on Motion Passed Unanimously</p>
<b>BUDGET DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Dean Odette was present to answer any questions regarding the fire budget. One citizen spoke on the need to keep taxes lower and the unnecessary raise in amount the RFD is demanding. Other citizens spoke on the need for adequate fire protection in the township.</p> <p>Motion was made to recommend the 2027 Levy for Fire Protection be set at \$60,000.</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Supervisor Norkunas                  Second: Supervisor Royle                  Action on Motion Passed Unanimously</p>
	<p>The team that worked on the budget over the course of the year: Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Clerk Mark Legvold, Supervisor Joy Royle, Deputy Clerk Kathy Graboski/Edwards, Patti Christenson, Mark Malecha and road team were all thanked for their work.</p>
<b>BOARD OF AUDIT</b>	<p>Board of audit was conducted. Full CY reports were presented to each board member. EFT folder was presented for review. Transactions from 6 separate months were reviewed by board members, tracking initial claim through to full payment. One discrepancy of \$.12 cents was found in May's transaction, check 8763. Motion to approve board of audit.</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Supervisor Royle                  Second: Chair Anderson                  Action on Motion Passed Unanimously</p>
<b>Clerk's Report</b>	<p>Clerk reported on monthly work, upcoming use of town hall, upcoming election and number of permits for the month.</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Chair Anderson                  Supervisor Royle                  Action on Motion Passed Unanimously</p>

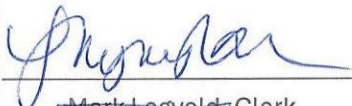

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<b>Planning Commission</b>	Chair Malecha reported that the PC will hold a hearing prior to their March meeting to discuss planning, zoning, and building fees in March. Noted decrease in taxes for township due to new homes.
Motion to Approve: Second: Action on Motion	Chair Anderson Supervisor Royle Passed Unanimously
<b>Road Commission</b>	Chair Mark Malecha came forward to present road committee work. The road committee had received quotes for services for the township for the year and presented recommendations to the board. Supervisor Anderson Excused himself from discussion for first two quotes due to conflict of interest. Supervisor Norkunas took gavel. Recommendation to approve Anderson for Ditch Mowing
Motion to Approve: Second: Action on Motion	Supervisor Norkunas Supervisor Royle Passed 2-0-1 Anderson abstained due to conflict of interest.
<b>Road Commission</b>	Recommendation to approve quote from Anderson for Town Hall Lawn Mowing services
Motion to Approve: Second: Action on Motion	Supervisor Norkunas Supervisor Royle Passed 2-0-1 Anderson abstained due to conflict of interest.
<b>Road Commission</b>	Gavel was returned to Anderson. Recommendation to approve quote from Deutch Contracting for Tree Trimming services
Motion to Approve: Second: Action on Motion	Chair Anderson Supervisor Royle Passed Unanimously
<b>Road Commission</b>	Recommendation to approve quote from Anderson Rock and Lime for Gravel supply
Motion to Approve: Second: Action on Motion	Chair Anderson Supervisor Royle Passed Unanimously
<b>Road Commission</b>	Recommendation to approve quote from Common Grounds for Spraying services.
Motion to Approve: Second: Action on Motion	Chair Anderson Supervisor Royle Passed Unanimously
<b>Road Commission</b>	Tony Rowan was called forward to speak regarding guardrail project. A grant of \$4,100 from the county has been approved and Tony has negotiated a mobilization discount if all work is completed in same timeline. Road Committee has recommended board approve quote from H&R. Motion to approve quote from H&R Construction for \$43,025
Motion to Approve: Second: Action on Motion	Chair Anderson Supervisor Royle Passed Unanimously

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<b>Road Commission</b>	Further discussion on the voter accessibility/parking lot project will take place after the door opener is installed. Motion to approve Road Report
Motion to Approve: Second: Action on Motion	Chair Anderson Supervisor Royle Passed Unanimously
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>	nothing significant to report
<b>Old Business</b>	Supervisor Anderson noted that the board made an offer of payment for what was considered to be attorney fees for filing and fees charged during discovery phase of the lawsuit to Greg Langer, which was refused by Langer. Anderson further commented on the township not receiving a specific itemization of attorney fees incurred by Langer during discovery phase. Langer has presented a request to settle in the amount of \$27,000. Motion to turn down settlement offer of \$27,000 presented by Greg Langer Further discussion: Norkunas stated that we are aware that the township is only responsible for the amount during discovery and does not want to spend money the township is not required by law to pay. Royle believes that our legal fees will continue to grow the longer this goes on  Motion to Approve: Second: Action on Motion
Chair Anderson Supervisor Norkunas Passed 2-0-1 Royle abstained, as she was not a part of original lawsuit	
<b>Old Business: Greg Langer</b>	Greg Langer addressed the board, pointed out the various pieces of information contained within the public packet and provided a historical overview of specific instances leading up to and through the lawsuit Langer is specifically asking for his attorney's fees in full and requests the board make a motion to end the process of settlement by paying him in full. No motion was made by any board member. Wayne Peterson was recognized and made a statement regarding a mention of his name within the packet provided by Langer.
<b>Old Business: 312th Street</b>	A letter from Attorney Mike Couri (and found in the public packet) establishing the legal recognition of 312th Street as a township road was read in it's entirety. Questions from Supervisor Royle and Rusty Kluver were also specifically addressed within the letter. No further action by the board was necessary.
<b>Motion to Adjourn</b>	
Motion to Approve: Second: Action on Motion	Chair Anderson Supervisor Norkunas Passed Unanimously
Reviewed:	Approved:
 _____ Mark Legvold, Clerk Thyra Nelson	 _____ Charles Anderson, Board Chair SCOTT NORKUNAS