

**Greenville Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Present:** Supervisors Dave Roehl, Scott Norkunas, and Chairman Charles Anderson; Deputy Treasurer Joyce Moore, Clerk Tammy May

**Others Present:** See attached.

**Opening of the Meeting:** Anderson asked the audience to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. Anderson requested the audience to silence their electronic devices and hold comments until the Citizen Comments part of the agenda.

**Approve Agenda:** made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Approve Minutes:** The minutes from the regular Board meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Guests:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Checking Balance	Deposits	Checks Cleared	Ending Balance	Outstanding Checks	Deposits in Transit	Reconciled Balance
\$34,723.91	\$25,020.36	(\$54,027.83)	\$5,716.44	(\$3,807.91)	\$978.00	\$2886.53

Savings	CD's	4M Fund	Grand Total All Accounts
\$4,044.55	\$60,223.40	\$183,060.65	\$250,215.13

J. Moore asked the Board for permission to void check numbered. Charles Anderson made a motion to void check numbered 8630, David Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The balance in the checking account is \$5,907.81. The disbursements will total over \$6,600. Peterson asked for permission to transfer \$10,000 from the 4M account to the checking account. Charles Anderson made a motion that Peterson can transfer \$10,000 from the 4M account to the checking account, David Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

made a motion to approve the Payroll and Claims, seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Clerk's Report:** There was one maintenance permit application.

We received a complaint regarding speeding on Holyoke near County Road 86.

Clerk May received a copy of the Agreement Between Greenvale & Waterford Townships for the division of maintenance responsibilities for Dresden Avenue dated March 2021 from Elizabeth Wheeler, Waterford Township Clerk.

Alexis Bohlen, Township Office Assistant and Road Administration resigned. She was thanked for all the work she had done for the Township, she was greatly appreciated.

Charles Anderson made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report, David Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Planning Commission (PC):** There was a Planning Commission meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The PC had four Zoning requests.

Ohmann Farms Inc. wanted to review what Transferable Development Rights (TDR) they have. The Planning Commission recommended that the Board approve a Transferable Development Right on each of the following parcels: PID number 16-01400-51-012, 16-01400-54-010, 16-01500-01-010, 16-01500-77-010. PC Chair went through each parcel stating why it had a TDR.

- Charles Anderson made a motion to approve the Transferable Development Right on PID number 16-01400-51-012, David Roehl seconded Motion carried 3-0.
- Charles Anderson made a motion to approve the Transferable Development Right on PID number 16-01400-54-010, David Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- Charles Anderson made a motion to approve the Transferable Development Right on PID number 16-01500-01-010, David Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- Charles Anderson made a motion to approve the Transferable Development Right on PID number 16-01500-77-010, David Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ohmann Farms Inc. would like to transfer a Development Right (DR) to the LaCanne Family. Taking their DR from Section 15, PID # 16-01500-01-010 to Section 6, PID number 16-00600-53-011 where the LaCanne family has a 10-acre parcel. Transfer documentation has been prepared by Attorney Ryan Blumhoefer and meets Township requirements. Charles Anderson made a motion to approve the transfer of a Development Right, David Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ohmann Farms Inc. has paid \$400, \$100 for verification of each DR, and Terry LaCanne has paid \$250 for the transfer of the DR.

Don and Barb Swenson want to transfer a verified Development Right from PID number 16-01000-26-020 to PID number 16-01200-01-012. Swenson's own both parcels. Charles Anderson made a motion to approve the transfer of a Development Right, David Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0. They also paid the \$250 transfer fee.

There is an application for a Subdivision Agreement from Matt and Shelly Langer for PID number 16-02700-09-011. The Green Book has no record of DR. Matt and Shelly shared a document showing a shared quarter-quarter section and each of them had 1 DR. This document prepared by Ryan Blumhoefer included a survey from Boland and Associates and also Greenvale Township Board meeting minutes from 2015

approving DR for each parcel. David Roehl made a motion to approve the Subdivision Agreement, Charles Anderson seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Don and Barb Swenson want to remove property at PID number 16-01200-01-012 from the Agriculture Preserve Program. This is a new process for the current PC, and we are acting on an opinion from Ryan Blumhoefer's Office. The requirements of the program require property to be in the program for a minimum of 8 years. Swenson's have met this requirement. The property was enrolled in the program in September of 2010. Scott Norkunas made a motion to approve the removal of the property from the Agriculture Preserve program, David Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The PC was addressed with a situation where there is a discrepancy in landowners' Development Rights. In 2022 a previous Planning Commission approved and recommended the Board approve a subdivision request for this landowner, which the Board approved. The subdivision document states they have 4 DRs, they had two. The Green Book states that they have none. The landowner is contemplating what they want to do, the PC is waiting to see in what direction the landowner decides to go.

Malecha asked for the Boards Permission to research about cannabis. Charles Anderson made a motion that the PC can research cannabis, David Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ken Malecha and Victor Volkert's terms are up in April. They are both eligible for another 3-year term. Charles Anderson made a motion to have Clerk May post the positions on the website along with the application, having an application deadline of March 31, 2025, Dave Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Charles Anderson made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report, Dave Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Report on Roads:** There was a Road Commission meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The Road Commission recommends Anderson Rock & Lime, Inc. as the road aggregate provider for 2025. Charles Anderson made a motion to have Anderson Rock as the road aggregate provider for 2025, David Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Clerk May will notify suppliers.

Other Road Commission items include getting lump sum bids for tree trimming, there are locate flags on the bridge on Eveleth Avenue, snowplowing has been done twice this season, and chips have been applied twice with the second time just at intersections, there is a missing sign on Highview and 320<sup>th</sup>, the County has been notified. Thank you to the RC members.

**Buildings and Grounds:** there are plans being developed for an expansion of the parking lot.

#### **Old Business:**

Broadband: Norkunas and Anderson have not had much luck finding a way for the Township to get Broadband.

Website: Norkunas received more information about changing the website and emails to ".gov" that he has not had a chance to look at yet. He will have more information at the next meeting.

**New Business:** Anderson sent out a postcard about tonight's meeting. He paid for the postcard himself due to not having Board approval for the Township to send one.

#### 2026 Budget:

The Board recommends the Levy amounts stay the same for 2026, as they are for 2025.

- Road & Bridge at \$300,000 with an additional \$25,000 for future bridge repairs.
- Fire Services at \$56,000
- General at \$50,000

Fire: Dean Odette presented information about increasing costs of Fire Services with Northfield Rural Fire Protection District. Sciota Township left Northfield Area Fire and Rescue Service and went to Randolph Fire, causing an overall increase for all Townships.

Inquiry Letter: Township officials received an email and letter from Linus Langer regarding discrepancies in Township Levy's. There was an error made in 2023 Levy paperwork regarding Fire Services for 2024 taxes. The amount approved at the 2023 Annual Meeting was \$28,000; the Levy paperwork sent was \$32,000. Actual Fire Service costs for 2024 were \$31,264. Anderson read the following response from Attorney Mike Couri:

*I have reviewed the February 14, 2025 letter sent by Linus Langer. Assuming that the facts as stated in Linus' letter are true, the only situation that I believe presents an issue is the increase in the levy by \$4,000 over the amount that was approved by the electors (electors approved \$28,000 for the fire levy, Township levied \$32,000 for the fire levy; total levy was \$4,000 more than authorized by the Township). Unfortunately, there is no process for the Township to rebate money back to the electorate when the Township certifies an amount that is in excess of the levy authorized by the electors. It is my understanding that the Township ultimately spent approximately \$32,000 on the fire levy, although that fact does not act to "reverse" the error.*

*I am not aware of any actions that the Township can take to correct this error. There is no statutory authority to rebate excess levy monies back to Township residents. Further, the excess levy money appears to have been spent on a valid public purpose (fire service for the Township), so there is not an issue with the money not being properly spent. I do not believe that the legislature has contemplated this situation as the statutes do not provide a procedure to cure this error in any way.*

*As for listing the "future bridge replacements" as "Misc." in the certification to the County, that does not affect the Township's levy in any way. Under Minn. Stat. 365.431 the electorate sets the total amount of Township tax to be raised. However, while the electorate often votes on specific amounts set out in the proposed levy (e.g. road and bridge, general, etc.), the electorate is only authorized to vote on a limit on the total amount of taxes that can be raised. The electorate is not authorized to demand that specific amounts levied for a particular account or purpose actually be spent only for that purpose. Where levied funds get spent is up to the Town Board, not the electorate, and the Town Board is generally free to move money from one category to another category (e.g. transfer money from the general account to the road and bridge account). Therefore, listing the title of a levy amount as "Misc." rather than "future bridge replacements" on the levy certified to the County Auditor has no effect on the levy, nor does it dictate how that money must be spent. In short, this change makes no*

*legal distinction in the amount of money to be raised in taxes or how it can be spent, and is therefore not a violation of any law.*

**Budget:** Anderson presented documentation regarding past budget items including Fire Services shortfall and estimated future costs, total cash balances, Levy amounts, and Township disbursements. After the presentation, citizens were given an opportunity to ask questions about what was presented.

**Television Donation:** There was a television donated anonymously to the Township. There was a condition attached that it only be used for official Planning Commission and Board business. Scott Norkunas made a motion to accept this donation as presented, Charles Anderson seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Clerk May will prepare a document to accept the donation.

**Citizen Comments:** Citizens were allowed to make comments.


Within citizen comments the Board and Clerk were presented with a copy of Decembers Board of Supervisors Meeting minutes with an error.

At 9:16pm, Charles Anderson made a motion to adjourn, David Roehl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Prepared by: Alexis Bohlen

Reviewed:

Approved:

  
Tammy May, Town Clerk  
Town Clerk

  
Charles Anderson, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors



MEETING: Greenvale Township Board of Supervisors  
MEETING DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2025  
MEETING TIME: 7:00 p.m.

**PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME**

Linus Langer  
Vicky Langer  
Mary Langer  
Gregory Langer  
Jim Cihak  
Lisa Legvold  
Mark Legvold  
Alexis Bohlen  
Nate Britton  
Mary Hueter  
TIM MURPHY  
EMMA MURPHY  
Richard & Joyce Moore  
Patti Christensen  
Nancy Peterson

Erin Ulrich  
Barb Swenson  
Joy Royce  
Mona Mulick  
Wendy & Larry Bolton  
Cand Bolton  
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