

GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP

October 14, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Murday with Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call by Clerk Kraft: Present were Supervisor Murday, Trustees Dietz, Kovar, Highway Commissioner Hilliard and Clerk Kraft. Trustee Newton, Trustee Wagner, and Assessor Bushong were absent.
3. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2024 regular monthly meeting prepared by Clerk Kraft. Supervisor Murday entertained a motion to accept the minutes, motion made by Trustee Dietz and seconded by Trustee Kovar. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.
4. Approval of Township Financial report, as reviewed by the Trustees prior to the meeting start time. Supervisor Murday entertained a motion to approve the Township Financial report, motion made by Trustee Kovar and seconded by Trustee Dietz. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.
5. Public Comments - *Resident Buddy Schultz shared his disappointment in the Road Districts work on 88th Avenue North of Monee Manhattan Road that started North of Dralle Road addressing a water problem and the road. He questioned digging the ditch, putting in the pipe, hauling dirt, the machines/equipment used, digging a trench, and the cost to the township.
*Resident Monroe Striggow also questioned what Schultz commented on about the purpose of the drain tile and road ditch on 88th Avenue. He also questioned hearing about a truck terminal/parking and would like an update on it.
*Resident Dean Christofilos expressed his opinion on public comments not being able to be addressed, which makes him want to run for office to make changes. He also does not agree with the remodeling project.
*Resident Linda Tuller said she assumes if the board hears it, since not Q & A, they will address it later.
*Resident Belinda commented in regard to also wanting the board to address what people ask, not only address when they don't like what they hear.
6. Plan Commission - Plan Chair Mark Sarkisian addressed the Church south of the township for a digital sign, potential solar farm, and the Comprehensive Plan. He sees the importance of the plan when repelling solar farm on Stuenkel Road and is looking into professional planning to shore up the current comprehensive plan.
7. Road Commissioner's Report - presented by Commissioner Hilliard; Past: Final cut for ditches complete, know drain tiles in easements have been cleaned and jetted, 6" drain tile on 104th Avenue North of Dralle, multiple street lights replaced, paved over two culvert replacements, excavated ditches out and re-seeded in several areas: Presently: Road widening project on 104th between Dralle and Stuenkel Roads, going through engineering for box culvert replacement on Dralle Road between 104th and Center; Future: Sheer Road bridge replacement just North of Offner. He addressed the public comments on the ditch work and explained he receives calls on areas holding water and the area questioned is at the top of the hill and couldn't mow their ditch and at their cost replaced tile/surface drains, helped them with dirt and donated straw and will help residents if he can, that's what he's here for.
8. Assessor's Report - N/A
9. Trustee's Report - *Trustee Dietz reported being in communication with the sign company for the dynamic sign at the Church and them putting off going to County and coming to the township first; he addressed Striggow asking which trucking company he was referring to in which Striggow said the one by Wille Brothers, Dietz said it was passed, Striggow questioned trucking terminal, Dietz said its listed as a trucking terminal but will be truck storage: Trustee Kovar had nothing to report.

10. Supervisor's Report - Supervisor Murday spoke to the public comment issue and explained trying to have dialogue with the residents but after long meetings and arguing back and forth sought out advice. Board meetings are business meetings for the board to discuss and decide matters, not Q & A, residents seeking answers shall contact anyone on the board at anytime, that is the time for answers; working on Comprehensive Plan, received one quote and would like to get another; spoke on doing a Veterans Day celebration, with help from the two Linda's, and after much back and forth unfortunately cannot have an event in November but hopes to do so in the future; he spoke on the \$25,000 grant earmarked for the roads, when received a portion will go to solar lights on stop signs. He spoke on other grant monies for the township that have been approved but not released and will continue to work of getting funds released; hopes to have a decennial report that is required by the State for the board to review at November meeting; will look at Levy at November meeting to vote on in December meeting; looking at setting salaries; attended Will Ride meeting, brought brochures for the residents; addressed public comment, met with residents Schultz and Striggow with Highway Commissioner Hilliard to address frequent issues, explaining the willingness of the township to resolve resident issues outside of board meetings.

11. New Business -Supervisor Murday spoke on formalizing the Plan Commission and an opening, in which he spoke about Nancy Tarwater and her willingness to serve the township. He asked if she or anyone had questions and wanted to speak, hearing none Supervisor Murday entertained a motion to appoint Nancy Tarwater to Plan Commission of Green Garden Township, Trustee Kovar makes the motion, seconded by Trustee Dietz, All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.

12. No Old Business

13. Meeting adjourned at 7:43p.m. with a motion by Trustee Dietz and seconded by Trustee Kovar. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried. The next Board meeting to be held on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Crissy Kraft, Clerk for Green Garden Township