Greenwood Township Supervisors Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 14, 2025 - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Roskoski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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ROLL CALL - Chair Roskoski / Vice Chair Skubic/ Supervisor Gilbert/ Supervisor Bradach/ Supervisor Bassing / Treasurer Mortaloni / Clerk Spicer – **All Present**

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 3 minutes)

Sue Drobac – refusing to take to the podium so attendees could hear clearly, reiterated her TimberJay article that the previous Board, with her as chair, "did not fire the Firefighters" she said they voluntarily quit as stated in a letter. Attendees booed and stated that it was not true, they had been present at the meeting when the firefighters were fired. Ex-Firefighters present said that was not true, they never saw that letter. Sue also said, "they are not voluntary, they are paid on-call". Chair Roskoski said the topic would be discussed later under New Business.

Joann Bassing – Thanked Sue for her "transparent and factual letter" She then directed her comments to Chair Roskoski and accused her of giving false information during the September 9 meeting about Joann's time as previous Clerk: 1-not having the agenda before the meetings, 2-Schedule 1's not matching, 3 – she and Jeff used another accounting system, not CTAS, as is legal, and "always matched to the penny", 4 – Firefighter's did voluntarily quit (which drew more boo's from other attendees), 5 – asked what is happening? That Lois is reporting lies and illusion of truth where lies begin. She then directed her comments to Supervisor Bradach, referring to his statement he is tired of the negative letters to the editor and asked "have you ever heard of the 1st Amendment?"

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Clerk requested to add resolution to apply for and accept funds from grant.
Motion- by Bassing/Skubic to accept Agenda with addition of the proposed resolution.
Vote 5/0 carried

Motion – by Skubic/Bassing to approve minutes from special meeting held September 2, 2025.
Vote 5/0 carried

Motion -by Bassing/Skubic to approve minutes from regular meeting held September 9, 2025.
Vote 5/0 carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Adjusted Checking balance is $93,784.28
Jumbo - $101,976.92
Road Fund – $27,496.00
Building/Capital – $99,916.39
Broadband - $103,342.50
Trail – $23,608.89
Total = $450,124.98

Motion - by Bassing/Skubic to approve Treasurer's Report. **Vote 5/0 carried**

Motion -by Bassing/Bradach to approve Claims. **Vote 5/0 carried**

Motion - by Bassing/Skubic to approve Payroll. **Vote 5/0 carried**

Motion – by Gilbert/Bradach to approve Resolution 06-2025 to apply for grant funds from the 2025/2026 Public Works Grant Program through the IRRRB, and accept any resulting funds, to assist with facilitating various building improvements in Spring 2026. **Vote 5/0 carried**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Quotes for new computer for the Clerk and Treasurer. Computers are old and support for Windows 10 expires today.

Motion - by Bassing/Gilbert to accept TechBytes Option #2 for $999 + tax and set-up fees on each of 2 new computers for Treasurer and for Clerk. **Vote 5/0 carried**

2. Placement of signage and Little Libraries within easement of Walking Trail.

Bradach is looking into grants for new bench for walking/biking trail. It is determined the current sign is partially outside the easement area, therefore, the sign will be moved into easement area, which will also make it more visible from the street. The trail sign needs power wash and Linda Smith has offered to repaint it. The Little Library will be mounted to the sign for visibility and stability. Local cooperation and volunteers will help with this project.

3. Placement of "non-motorized vehicles" sign.

Request from Marjorie Miller to add trail sign at the Moccasin Point end as it was removed during the renovation. Bradach will research vendors and cost and have info at next meeting.

4. Water test results – test reflects arsenic level at 15.8 ug/L which is over the recommended limit of 10 ug/L. The arsenic filter resin was changed last May which brought the reading below 1 ug/L at the cost of $2,400. Gilbert feels doing that every 4 months is too costly and will research options.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Quotes for snowplowing of Town Hall parking lot and Township Road for 2025/2026 winter.

Received quotes from two vendors, B&D ClearAll & RCA Property Management. Board members compared fee/service provided.

Motion – by Gilbert/Bradach to award contract to RCA Property Management, in the amount of $500 per plowing event to include plowing, shoveling and sanding as needed, for the Greenwood Town Hall property and Birch Point Extension. **Vote 5/0 carried**

2. Fire Department:

Tammie Dowden, EMS Captain provided a lot of good information on our Greenwood Fire and EMS Departments. She clarified the facts of how many calls Greenwood responds to and how some calls may have been responded to but not acknowledged in the report at times due to the huge quantity of 911 calls and many simultaneous FD's responses. This was met by argument from Supervisor Bassing giving data and stating her data was incorrect and insisting our call response numbers are down from when Jeff Maus was Chief. Tammie said that was not true but continually interrupted by Supervisor Bassing & Joann Bassing. Chair Roskoski asked several times for Joann to stop interrupting. Tammie invited them to join the department and see for themselves, and Bassing simply said, "I can't". Tammie held to her facts and the attendees applauded her. Roskoski thanked her and commended the work being done by those departments and said we are moving ahead positively, and the negativity has to stop. Bradach tells Bassing "You're missing the point I'm making" then read an email exchange where he asked Bassing to tell him something positive he is doing. Bradach explained he was trying to show Bassing the many ways our Fire Department responds and that some of our members are also members of other Fire Departments and if they respond, it may show the response for the other department. Bassing refused to accept that explanation. Bassing's response in the email was "You missed my point; the Board is not making the Township a better place to live; it's making it a quicker place to die". The meeting attendees booed Bassing loudly. Bradach told Bassing "That kind of rhetoric has to stop!" Roskoski agreed we need to be positive and support public safety. She thanked Tammie for the great Facebook article on the Fire Department. We're going to recruit and move forward positively. Again, Roskoski tells Joann Bassing to control herself as she continues interrupting.

a. Facts on personnel termination.

Chair Roskoski addressed the facts found in meeting minutes and meeting recordings that are public information. Line by line she read how none of the terminated Voluntary Fire Department members were provided with any Closed or Open to discuss disciplinary actions as required by law. (Roskoski notes included with minutes)

3. Review Discipline Policy.

Bassing asked: 1 - Who can suspend an employee? Roskoski respond's "it depends on the circumstance" for instance – she then reads the Fire Chief job description that states in section 1.3 "Recognizes employee problems promptly, determines facts and issues, takes action to resolve problems effectively...

2 – Is there discipline for an employee who exceeded authority? Roskoski responded "if the Board feels there is a need for discipline, they would ask for a Closed meeting, which you are well aware of. Bassing asked, "is it listed?" Bradach told him to ask for a Closed meeting if that's what you want. Bassing did not respond.

3 – Do BIA police have any rule in suspending our employees? Roskoski "I don't have these answers. Basing started to just move on then.

4. CISM – Critical Incident Stress Management

Motion by Bassing/ to have CISM included in the SOG's. **Motion failed for lack of support**

5. Discussion on 2026 budget.

Discussion- With the Levy increase to $600,000 the budget should be revisited, and it should be determined where we are with spending for this year also.

Motion by Gilbert/Bradach to have Treasurer present a revised 2026 budget. **Vote 5/0 carried**

6. Review Hall & Pavilion Use Regulations

Clerk Spicer proposed an update to the Hall and Pavilion Usage regulations.

7. Discuss Hall & Pavilion Rental fees

Clerk Spicer proposed adding a non-refundable fee for Hall usage due to the kitchen renovations proposed for the near future. A non-refundable fee was also added for Pavilion usage to be used for maintenance and upkeep.

Motion by Bradach/Skubic to add $50.00 non-refundable fee to rental of either Hall or Pavilion to help offset costs. **Rollcall vote:** Roskoski-N, Skubic-Y, Bassing-N, Gilbert-N, Bradach-Y **2/3 Fail**

Motion by Gilbert/Bassing to table Hall & Pavilion regulation update until next month. **Rollcall vote:** Roskoski-Y, Skubic-N, Bassing-N, Gilbert-Y, Bradach-Y **3/2 Carried**

8. Northwoods Partners Festival of Trees - participation? There is no evidence of participation in this in the past. No motion was made.

9. Credit Card limits and Charge Accounts –

Motion by Gilbert/Bradach to provide EMS with a credit card at $2,000 limit, increase Fire Chief credit card limit to $2,000 and lower Clerk credit card limit to $1,000. **Vote 5/0 carried**

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Skubic Road Supervisor – nothing to report

Lodging Tax Board Representative – nothing to report

Bassing Broadband Liaison – Greenwood Township got the latest start, but installations have begun. 44% in our area have signed up, which is average at this stage. There will be a meeting next week.

Joint Powers and Recreation– nothing to report

Noxious Weeds Representative – nothing to report

911 Assignment – made 6 new s911 signs

Gilbert Grounds and Maintenance -getting quotes for windows

Fire Department Liaison see FD report

Bradach Recreation Committee Liaison – finished landscaping project. Still investigating possible grant funds from RRRB.

Roskoski Ambulance Commission – no meeting yet. Spaghetti feed and silent auction fund raiser set for Saturday, November 22 at Tower Civic Center.

RAMS Representative – no one voiced interest in being RAMS Board member.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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CLERK REPORT (Correspondence)

1. St. Louis County Cannabis Ordinance Draft. - FYI
2. Letter from Birch Point property owner. – see attached.

Motion by Bassing/Skubic to Adjourn. **Vote 5/0 carried Time 8:01**

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Chair _____ **Clerk** _____

In a Letter to Editor in the Timberjay on 9/26/25, Sue Drobac wrote a letter asking that we clear up Greenwood misinformation regarding the members of the Greenwood Fire Department that were fired or quit. Jo Bassing also commented on the Greenwood facebook page asking that I correct the information that I supposedly incorrectly reported at the last board meeting. Julie Stoehr also commented, "Good Luck with that" to Jo Bassing's comment. In order to provide the "facts", following is a summary of the motions that have been made by the Town Board. Copies of the minutes are available on the Greenwood website www.greenwoodtownshipmn.com, and a packet of the minutes will be available for the public to inspect on the table so this information can be verified.

Minn. Stat. 13D.05, Subd. 2(b) for the Town Board to consider allegations against an employee of the Township and to determine whether discipline is warranted as a result of the allegations and the performance of the employee. Please note that the employee may determine that this meeting must be open to the public, in which case the public may attend the meeting. If the Town Board determines that discipline is warranted, the Town Board may meet in open session immediately after the closed meeting to consider the type and extent of discipline to impose on the employee.

9/13/22 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Drobac/Lofquist to dismiss Fazio and Intihar from duties as Chief and Assistant Chief.
YES: Stoehr, Lofquist, Drobac - 3
NO: Ralston, Skubic - 2
Other notes in the minutes: Worringer, Safety Officer, asked to be added to the list. Drobac – there are ongoing things and things like job descriptions which are not adhered to. Skubic-Personnel Policy has steps to follow and this is not right. Stoehr-He has read the Personnel Policy and there are circumstances that allow for this. Ralston – the board has stepped out of founds. Drobac-The Township attorney advised me.
MN Statutes13D.05 were not followed.

1/10/23 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Drobac/Stoehr to terminate D. Strong and J. Sherman for lack of participation on Fire Department.
YES: Drobac, Lofquist, Skubic Stoehr - 4
NO: Ralston – 1
MN Statutes13D.05 were not followed.

Moved by Drobac/Stoehr to terminate M. Intihar from Fire Department
YES: Drobac, Lofquist, Stoehr – 3
NO: Skubic, Ralston – 2
Drobac – stated she will not air dirty laundry.

MN Statutes13D.05 were not followed.

2/14/23 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Drobac/Stoehr to accept voluntary quit of Firefighter with requirement must return gear within 2 weeks. D. Fazio, R. Worringer, Tammy Mortaloni, H. Ankrum, J Galonski, H. Gilbert, Tom Mortaloni.
Yes: Drobac/Stoehr - 2
No: Skubic - 1
Abstain: Lofquist- 1
Moved by Drobac/Stoehr to terminate B. Fazio, due to lack of participation.
YES: Drobac, Lofquist, Stoehr – 3
NO: Skubic – 1
MN Statutes13D.05 were not followed.

4/11/23 Regular Board Meeting

Jim Galonski comments on firing of Fire Department officers and how board hired new officer without department members approval.

Supervisor Drobac hollers "You are fired" to the group of FF's attending the meeting. (This is on the meeting audio.) Supervisor Stoehr shushes Supervisor Drobac and tells her not to say that.

Motion by Drobac/Lofquist to send a letter to voluntary quit firefighters informing them they are no longer employees.

YES: Bassing, Drobac, Lofquist, Stoehr – 4

NO: Skubic – 1

MN Statutes13D.05 were not followed.

5/9/23 Regular Board Meeting

Maus states there are 7 on Fire Department roster or in process.

9/12/23 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Bassing/Lofquist to terminate R. Indihar for not meeting requirements.

YES: Bassing, Drobac, Lofquist, Stoehr – 4

NO: Skubic - 1

MN Statutes13D.05 were not followed.

10/30/24 Special Meeting

Special Meeting was held to review allegations against an employee. The employee asked that the meeting be open. Meeting was held per MN Statutes 13D.05.

Moved by Roskoski/Gilbert to hire Pam Whitmore, Kennedy & Gravel Law Firm, to proceed with an investigation of the allegations against Fire Chief Jeff Maus, at a cost of $250 per hour, contingent upon completion of the conflict check.

Yes: Roskoski, Skubic, Gilbert – 3

No: Bassing, Stoehr – 2

2/7/25 Special Closed Meeting

Per MN Statutes 13D.05, this is the first of two closed meetings to consider allegations against Township employee. Employee was present. No action was taken at this meeting.

Present: Roskoski, Skubic, Bassing, Gilbert, Stoehr.

2/18/25 Special Closed Meeting

Per MN Statutes 13D.05, this was the second of two closed meetings held to consider allegations against Township employee. Employee was present.

Meeting was opened and took action:

Moved by Skubic/Gilbert that Employee A be terminated from employment with Greenwood Fire Department and medical response service, effective 2/18/25 based on 19 allegations from investigative report prepared by Pamela Whitmore of Kennedy & Graven and the employee performance review.

YES: Roskoski, Skubic, Gilbert – 3

NO: Bassing Stoehr – 2

Employee A was identified as Jeff Maus.

Currently, the Greenwood Fire/EMS Department has 7 members on the fire roster and 7 members on the EMR roster.

Timberjay 9.26.25

Let's clear up Greenwood misinformation

I would like to be transparent, rectify errors, and clear up lies once and for all.

At the Sept. 9 Greenwood Town Board meeting, board chair Roskoski stated that, in 2022, fire department members were fired. She was referring to Sept. 13, 2022, when Fire Chief Fazio was dismissed from his role as fire chief and assistant chief Indihar was also dismissed from his role of assistant chief. At this point, safety officer Rick Worringer decided to quit.

None of the leadership or department members who chose not to respond to any calls (as stated in a letter by the firefighters in question) were fired, they just voluntarily quit by refusing to respond to calls. None of the members could claim unemployment since they quit and were not fired and Greenwood Township did not pay any benefits. This can be verified through the MNUC (Minnesota Unemployment Compensation) data.

Chair Roskoski and fire department members who voluntarily quit need to be transparent and quit perpetuating the lie that fire department members were fired.

Sue Drobac
Greenwood Township

Greenwood Township Facebook page 9/9/2025

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Jo Bassing

The Fire Department of years ago was not fired. The members quit and thus did not receive unemployment benefits which can be verified by MNUC data. Board Chair Roskoski incorrectly stated the members were fired. Could this please be corrected at the next meeting to be factual?

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Julie Stoehr

Jo Bassing good luck with that!