

**The Greenbush City Council's regular meeting was held on February 21st, 2023,  
at 5:30 pm in the Greenbush Community Center.**

Council Present in Person: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, and Tim Truscinski

Others Present in Person: Mary Stauffenecker, Deb Vacura, Pastor Niemela, Shaun Jevne, and Lynsi Hansen

**Public Comments-**

**New Council Member**

In January, Dennis Filer resigned as a council Member. The City Council has declared a vacancy on the City Council for the Council Member Office. The office that has been appointed will be on the 2024 election ballot as a Council Member with a 2-year term ending December 31, 2024.

**M/S/P Josh Kern/Christine Foss** approval of appointing Tim Truscinski to the vacant City Council Member Office until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, and Josh Kern

**Deb Vacura- United Free Church**

Pastor Niemela and Deb Vacura from United Free Church would like to donate to the city. United Free Church is Celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will be hosting a pancake benefit. Mayor Etherington mentioned how the City has a donation fund they can contribute to, to help cover the next upcoming project, otherwise GCP is fundraising for the walking path. Pastor Niemela also mentioned how they can volunteer to help with activities during the fourth of July.

**GCP-Cash Raffle/Thursdays in the Park**

Mary Stauffenecker, Treasurer of Greenbush Community Partners (GCP) was there to speak on the upcoming events set in place for 2023. The walking path fundraising update goal to reach is \$150,000 by the end of 2023. As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the fund balance is \$103,884.90. GCP would like to do another Cash Raffle drawing of \$10,000. Cash Raffle Drawing will be announced outside the City Office on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A couple other upcoming fundraisers, Breakfast in bed- Mother's Day Weekend, Bake sale TBD, and Music Bingo TBD.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/ Josh Kern** approval for GCP to file their raffle permit licenses and to allow the drawing to be held on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, outside the City Office.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, and Tim Truscinski

### **Thursday in the Park**

GCP is inquiring on the status of a concession stand building at the Welcome Park. Council Member Josh Kern shared how he talked with John Moore, Greenbush-Middle River School Shop Teacher, about having one of his classes build a concession shed. John Moore said that he would have time this Spring. Kern also mentioned that Greenbush Area Community Fund has a grant available. The City of Greenbush can apply for the grant to help cover the material cost, and the GMR Shop students will build the concession shed.

**M/S/P Josh Kern/ Tim Truscinski** approval of having Supervisor Shaun Jevne get quotes for the building materials at Burkel Lumber and Greenbush Lumber. Mayor Etherington and Clerk Hansen will work together on completing the Grant Application from Greenbush Area Community Fund.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, and Tim Truscinski

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend 2023**

GCP plans on returning in April with a more formal outline of events that will be held over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. They plan to add more kid friendly events and a street fair in 2023. GCP is keeping with their mission and “Partnering” with local businesses and organizations and inviting them to select from a menu of options and events they can sponsor for the weekend.

### **Farm Lease Bids**

The City of Greenbush has a three-year Farm Lease open for bids. The North Farm Lease consists of 35 acres and is located North of the City Shop.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/ Christine Foss** approval of choosing the highest bidder, U Lazy 2 Ranch, LLC at \$33.00 an acre, annual payment of \$1,155.00.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, and Tim Truscinski

### **Fire Department Elected Assistant Chiefs**

Troy Gjovik resigned as Assistant Fire Chief. The Greenbush Fire Department had their Annual Meeting February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Jared Foss was reelected assistant fire chief, and newly elected was Max Duray.

**M/S/P Tim Truscinski/Christine Foss** approval of the resignation of Todd Gjovik and accepting Jared Foss and Max Duray as the Assistant Fire Chiefs.

Abstained: Josh Kern and Shawn Walsh

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, and Tim Truscinski

### **Fire Relief Association Temporary Liquor Licenses**

The Greenbush Fire Relief Association is hosting their annual steak fry on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Greenbush Fire Hall. They would like to apply for a temporary liquor license.

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern** approval of the Fire Relief Association to have a temporary Liquor Licenses March 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern and Tim Truscinski

### **Pool Advertisement**

Hanna Black, returning Pool Manager is in the hunt for new Lifeguards for the 2023 Summer pool year. Hanna was going to make up flyers, advertise in the paper and talk with students from Greenbush-Middle River High School about applying to be a lifeguard. The Greenbush Swimming Pool must have two Certified Lifeguards, as well as one adult on site at all times. The issue the pool has run into in the past is finding enough lifeguards. The council discussed reaching out to surrounding towns and schools as well. The council also mentioned that they will offer a bonus at the end of the Summer for Lifeguards who've completed all courses, and worked the whole summer.

### **Widseth-Agreement Between Owner and Engineer**

**M/S/P Josh Kern/ Shawn Walsh** approval of having Widseth as their engineer firm for 2023.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern and Tim Truscinski

### **Resolution 2023-07 Designating the Poll Place Location**

**M/S/P Josh Kern/Tim Truscinski** approval of designating the Greenbush Community Center as the Polling Place Location.

All in Favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern and Tim Truscinski

### **Resident Impact Statement- Oak Terrace Apartments**

M&H Homes, LLP. Owner of the property Oak Terrace Apartments. As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, it has terminated participation in the following federally assisted housing programs for the nine units.

### **Agassiz Insurance Renewal**

Table this for next month

## **Committee Reports**

Public works have been busy sweeping sidewalks, scraping streets, and hauling snow. Head Supervisor Shaun Jevne has been working with Ottertail and Bergstrom's Electric on figuring out the high electric usage at the city/county shop. The off-peak is not functioning properly. Jevne is still waiting on a booster pump for the treatment plant. The water treatment plant has been without chlorine for a week now. The public works has installed a liquid chlorine set up, until booster pump arrives.

## **Consent Agenda**

**M/S/P Shawn Walsh/Josh Kern** to approve the consent agenda items with revised bills and minutes (Minutes/Bills-Revised/Receipts).

In favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, and Tim Truscinski

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

Regular Council Meetings: at 5:30pm, March 21<sup>st</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>, and May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**M/S/P Josh Kern/ Tim Truscinski to adjourn the meeting.**

In favor: Eric Etherington, Christine Foss, Shawn Walsh, Josh Kern, and Tim Truscinski

This meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Eric Etherington

Mayor

Lynsi Hansen

Clerk-Treasurer