

Greenwood Township July 7, 2026 Regular Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by S Bigelow.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Board members present: Shelly Bigelow, Terry Vandercook, Nancy Mohler, Harold Swinehart, Melody Baker

Guests and residents present: Mike Mix, Dick & Jody LaBarre, State Representative John R Roth, Al Mohler, Jason Nelson, Matt Truesdale

Public Comment: Mike Mix told the board that the supervisors from Colfax, Greenwood, Cedar Creek, and Liberty have been meeting and the supervisors think that the fire departments should combine and make one fire department for the Manton area. This would include Colfax Greenwood, Cedar Creek and the City of Manton.

John Roth was at the meeting to talk about the accomplishment that were made in Lansing.

Minutes: The minutes were presented. Motion made by T Vandercook supported by H Swinehart to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills: Bills were presented to be paid. Motion made by M Baker supported by T Vandercook to accept the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Jonathan Hallett with Thin Blue Line Farms re-billed for the \$300.00 for cemetery clean up that the township board did not pay. He would like the board to reconsider and pay the balance due. S Bigelow suggested that we stick with last months decision to not pay the balance. Motion made by T Vandercook supported by H Swinehart to stand with last months decision to not pay Thin Blue Line Farms the \$300.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Four cemetery bids were received Tyler Odell, Kt Moore Lawn and Snow Care, Jason Nelson, and Truesdale Lawn Care. After questions were answered. Motion made by T Vandercook supported by M Baker to have Jason Nelson do the digging of graves and Matt Truesdale do the cleaning of the cemetery and the township grounds. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: T Vandercook mentioned that we got out audit back. He said there was no financial mismanagement of funds. We do have to amend the budget to include the money paid to the fire department and were we paid it back out of the budget.

T Vandercook said he would like the board to consider switching tax services to BS&A. He said the county is already online and the assessors use this system. The cost of the service is \$8600.00. If the service is implemented in July, the township will receive a \$3000.00 discount. Motion made by S Bigelow supported by H Swinehart to switch to BS&A tax services. Motion passed unanimously.

N Mohler mentioned postage was going up. The board agreed to buy more stamps before the price increase.

For the last month Al Mohler, and Jason Nelson have been mowing the cemetery. Harold Swinehart donated his time and his lawn mower to mow at the township hall.

Jason had 36 hours and Al had 16 hours.

Motion made by S Bigelow supported by H Swinehart to pay \$25.00 per hour for the mowing. Motion passed unanimously.

The board thanks these three for stepping in and taking care of the mowing.

The board is allowing Al Mohler to buy new mower blades for the township mower.

S Bigelow said there is a township resident that is harassing her.

S Bigelow offered to buy the old church pew that is in the storage shed. Motion made by T Vandercook supported by H Swinehart to sell the church pew for a fair market value of \$1.00 as the pew is in really rough shape. Motion passed unanimously.

Emily Barberi called N Mohler about a cemetery lot that her father had purchased. The lot is in the name of Mr. Willard Haines, lot no. 61B. Mr. Haines has since passed is buried down state. She stated that none of their family wants this lot. She wondered if the lot could be donated to a local church for someone that may not be able to afford a cemetery lot. After a discussion it was decided that the lot can only be sold back to the township. N Mohler will contact Emily and tell her the boards decision.

N Mohler told the board that there had been a bat in the township hall. Hogarth's Pest Control Company had been called to remove the bat. Hogarth's recommended having an inspection of the building to tell were the bats were getting in. Then they will drill a hole where they enter, put a cone in the hole that way the bats can only leave and not re enter. Motion made by N Mohler supported by S Bigelow to have Hogarth's do the inspection. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department: N Mohler brought ballot wording for the extra ½ millage that was suggested that be on the November ballot. After a discussion it was decided Greenwood Township was not in favor of putting more tax on the township residents. It was also brought to the boards attention that we must watch the wording of the ballot.

T Vandercook presented the treasures report. Motion made by H Swinehart supported by T Vandercook to accept the report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Terry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Mohler

Greenwood Township Clerk