# **Green Brook Township Committee**

## **Structure & Elections**

The Green Brook Township Committee has 5 members. Each serves a 3-year term, with elections held every November. Terms are staggered, so 1 or 2 seats are up for election each year.

In January, the Committee selects one member to serve as Mayor and another as Deputy Mayor for the year.

# **Key Powers & Responsibilities**

- Approves the annual municipal budget, which sets your property taxes.
- Passes ordinances on zoning, noise, parking, and local business rules.
- Approves contracts and agreements (i.e. shared services with nearby towns)
- Appoints members to boards like Planning, Zoning, and Environmental.
- Oversees municipal services (i.e. roads, snow removal, parks, and recreation)
- Guides emergency planning and preparedness.
- Manages cooperative purchasing and energy aggregation for savings.

#### What to Watch This Year

- Which Committee seats are on the ballot in November
- Decisions on funding and progress for the Green Brook Flood Control Project
- Any zoning or development ordinances under review
- Budget debates affecting property taxes and services like road repair and recreation

## **Why This Matters**

They decide the basics of daily life in Green Brook:

- How high your taxes are
- Whether your street gets plowed quickly
- How development changes your neighborhood
- How well-prepared we are for flooding.

Staggered terms means every election shifts priorities and can change the balance of power on the Committee.

