Goodwell Minute Notes
July 26, 2023

- John T. called meeting to order 7:00 pm:
  - John T., Rachel B., Bob Birr, Tim M., and Jennifer W. present
  - Public:

Benjamin/Cassandra Hensley	Clint & Shelley Cook	John Miedema
Greg & Colleen Olsen	Jeremy Rusilowski	Hannah Bellah
Shawn & Kim Smith	Laurie Deater	Dylan Wimmer
David Grveles	Jim Maike	Barb Shafer
Joe Wozniak		

- Pledge of Allegiance recited
- Email was sent out with minutes from June 28, 2023 meeting. Bob motioned to accept the minutes, Tim 2nd, passed. Minutes posted to the township web site.
- Public Comment:
  - Jim M – Senate bill 299 and 300 have passed. They require residents to have septic tanks registered, currently $3,000, and inspected every 5 years, currently the cost is $2,500. House bill 4479 passed and mimics the senate bills. In all the years Jim has worked with the county there have only been 2 septic tanks that have gone bad, so the requirement is not valid for Newaygo County. CDC#10 and the commissioners drew up a resolution to oppose the bills, working towards changing to every 10 years since the law will be put into effect regardless of no value only cost to residents. A collection of 32 counties also met and drew up a resolution to oppose.
  - Also, the mining bill is being worked on that will allow mining to be placed anywhere desired.
  - Board of Commissioner matched Fremont foundation $1 million for addressing the affordable home problem. Property may be given for making small houses.
  - Dragon Trail given $1 million to finish the 4 bridges left to complete the trail.
- Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of July 26, 2023:
  - Have $160,006.22 total. Payments were $12,119.59. Check to US Treasury for payroll taxes, $2,626.76 is the largest payment. Revenue was $10,010.65. Bob motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills, Jennifer 2nd, passed.
- Bob: **Zoning report**:
  - Bob got a call from a man who works for a company that rents mobile homes. Sent an application, will give a temporary permit, and will require to renew in a year.
  - On Beech Smith had a fire, and there was another across the street.
  - Cypress Ave – Petzel splitting 5 acres to sell to neighbor Randy Scott. Survey shows only 320' on 4 mile, versus necessary 330'. Need to straighten out, especially before any building. Waiting for response.
  - Mary Smith looking to do land division at least 2 to 3 parcels. Easement/right of way to the back of property will be used to satisfy requirement.
- **Planning report:**
  - Planning meeting August 8th. August 1st is election day for Morley Stanwood, hall will be used by clerk.
- Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**
  - L4029 has been worked on to understand the calculations, still not quite complete, but enough to sign.
  - Discussed the need to understand/develop/organize process for procedures, ordinances, resolutions, guides, and policies. Making list with last updated dates.
  - ATT right of way form received and will sign and return.
  - Election – Saturday the deputy clerk will be at hall and notify clerk if anyone shows up to register. Ballot Drop Box – will order based upon location designated. Discussed mailbox information as understood from postmaster. Will talk to Big Rapids postal office to get a better understanding.
  - Clerks met with County Clerk office regarding early voting. Township must give intent of voting process for 9 days, whether with county or alone, by September 25th, with agreement signed and delivered by October 30th. Counties decide the number of early voting days, between 9 and 40, Newaygo has established 9 days. Election day will be at township halls. Requirements to be able to host; A) 4 to 6 workers - eight hours for 9 days, beginning 2nd Saturday before election day through Sunday before election day 2) back-up power generator 3) separate tabulator 4) separate poll computer, 5) locking cage to store machines at hall during early voting. Even though these requirements are for early voting no

matter where it occurs, grant money is available for County, no money will be used to help townships host. Discussion on why making clerks and townships invalid, being forced to do costly unnecessary busy work with no need or help at the township level. Registration will be handled as normal during the 9 early voting days. No presidential primary date established yet, most likely end of February. There is much reading and training due before the primary election.

- Old Business: BOR met July 18th for 18 minutes. 1 property change, 1 disabled vet exemption.
- New Business:
  - Cemetery Ordinance. Discussed how ordinance happened in 2009, the only change was in 2018 (new holiday fee and foundation per square inch increase). The clerk was to take over the contacts and plot information, but that did not happen, so Barb has kept it up. Howard wrote a letter of resignation which was given to the board. The township thanks both Howard and Barb for their dedication to the cemetery and the township over all their years. The clerk will work with the businesses for the cemetery to have them contact her until the sexton position is set, as well as take over the documentation including plots. Tim motioned to have a special meeting August 2nd at 7pm to address the cemetery ordinance and sexton position. Bob 2nd, passed. Barb will check with the helper Howard has used the last couple months and see if he is interested in being the sexton. She will come to the meeting to help understand the plot process. Tim is looking at the cemetery plot applications to see which would be good for the township.
  - Wilcox is asking Goodwell to consider what a logging business on Pine would mean for the township, since Goodwell maintains the roads. The expected traffic is 3 trucks per week; this seems to be minimal. It was stated that a specific car is currently damaging Pine more than any other activity. Officer Wimmer will investigate this.
  - The township will purchase 3 tables to replace 3 white tables. The new tables will stay in the hall and not be removed. The others will be in the shed and available for residents to use. There was an instance where all tables were gone when a meeting was held.
  - Bob will replace John at the August 30th meeting.
- Public Comment: none
- Tim motioned to adjourn, Bob 2nd, passed. Meeting ended 8:28.
- Next meetings:
  - Special cemetery ordinance meeting, August 2nd, 7pm
  - Township meeting August 30th, 7pm Planning meeting August 8th, 7pm