

Goodwell Minutes

June 26, 2024

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none">☺ Alec & Kasey Dakin☺ Laurie Deater☺ Jeremy Rusilowski☺ Ralph Rattin☺ Brent Foondle☺ Christopher Gingerich – Big Prairie FD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☺ David Fast☺ Dave Grveles☺ Greg/Colleen Olson☺ Jessie Alonzo – Big Prairie FD☺ Bob Mendham☺ Ryan Fast
--	---

- ◇ Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- ◇ Email was sent out with minutes from May 29, 2024, meeting. Bob motioned to accept the minutes, Tim 2nd, passed. Minutes posted to the township website.
- ◇ Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of June 26, 2024:
 - ✘ Have \$209,811.58 total. Payments were \$17,586.66. D&B Brining check for 5,670.00 was the largest payment. Revenue was \$35,142.65. This includes LCSA distribution of \$20,243.38 that went into savings. Jennifer motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills. Tim 2nd, passed.
 - ✘ Rachel was given a response from the auditor stating that the paper trail provided would be sufficient for working with the bank deposit posting with the \$700 cash not included deposit but included in the balance.
 - ✘ Rachel is working towards setting up MI Class for Goodwell. She plans to invest \$80,000 from savings which leaves around \$50,000 for planned uses and extra. She plans to invest \$50,000 from the Road Fund.
- ◇ Public Comment:
 - ✘ Brent Foondle – White Cloud Public Schools. Handed out information regarding the 2024 bond proposal. Contact Ed Canning with any questions.
 - ✘ Bob Mendham – Newaygo County Sheriff Dept., running for re-election. Has 33 years total experience, 17 years as Newaygo County Sheriff. The department is fully staffed, has upgraded training and buildings. Made animal control position full-time.
 - ✘ Chris Gingrich ~Big Prairie Township. Fire Report: June- 16 runs: 11 medical, 5 fire – 2 auto/boat fires, 1 grass fire.
- ◇ Bob: **Zoning report**:
 - ✘ Discussion about the mud runs. Bob found out about the plan for a mud run as he was leaving town. He did go and look and found no activity. Tim took a copy of the ordinance and explained the requirements. It appears they did honor the ordinance.
 - ✘ Bob did get in contact with the owner of land on Pine and Baseline who didn't finish working to clean land. The owner responded stating that the intent is to clean up, tear down the house, and build a new house this summer. Jessie Alonzo is interested in using the house for a practice burn.
 - ✘ Received a text from Jeremy for a copy of the Special Event permit and ordinance. Another was requested by Rick Olt, but the address he gave was not recognized by the Post Office. Bob could not locate the address.
 - ✘ Received a call about a possible land division.
 - ✘ Mike Thebo called about any ordinance regarding 40 foot containers for storage being placed on property. Bob referred him to the County, a zoning permit must be issued to satisfy the setback portion of our zoning ordinance and the 200 square foot rule.
 - ✘ Ralph Rattin is questioning the property that is land-locked on the back side of his land. The road was changed to an abandoned road in 2002. How can there be an abandoned road with a private dwelling? This will affect setbacks.
- ◇ **Planning report**:
 - ✘ Next meeting is August 13.
- ◇ Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**

Goodwell Minutes

June 26, 2024

- ✘ There are 6 people needing training for election and the monies budgeted are not enough. Tim motioned to transfer \$300 from the Clean-up budget to election training. Bob 2nd, passed.
- ✘ The December 29, 2014 minutes voted in the paying a planning notetaker. We have no stated amount. Jennifer will research and update at the next meeting.
- ✘ A company called Yelp has been contacting to have us “own” a site they manage. No interest.
- ✘ Public Star Parties leaflet available that promotes viewings at the observatory in Fremont. We will look at a library book box offered by WC Library after construction of the front of the hall is completed.
- ✘ Scanning in documents, how/where should the information be stored? We will post all ordinances on the township website. Treasurer uses cloud based. Clerk will use USB sticks and portable hard drive. Jennifer will check with County on who provides scanning services.
- ✘ No response from insurance company regarding bond forms.
- ✘ For empty burial plots: When owner(s) passed and heir(s) requesting usage – requestors need to provide a death certificate (copy) and provide letters of agreement with intentions from each living heir. (The eldest of each heir’s family).
- ◇ Old Business:
 - ✘ Tony Frisbee will start construction on the front of the hall after August 6th. He has the door.
- ◇ New Business:
 - ✘ John recommended Lauren Deater to replace the open one-year planning board position. Bob motioned to appoint Lauren Deater to the planning board for the remainder of the one-year position. Tim 2nd, passed.
 - ✘ Rachel motioned to accept the bid and purchase the AED for the hall. Bob 2nd, passed. This \$2,600.00 is in the capital outlay account of the budget.
 - ✘ The October 30th regular board meeting is being moved to October 23rd due to the 9 early days of voting taking place beginning October 26th.
- ◇ Public Comment:
 - ✘ What does Michigan Class invest in? It invests in securities.
 - ✘ Was there an additional mud run? Since the notice of a mud run was so late, Tim delivered the application and ordinance in person. They did not have a mud run.
 - ✘ Retention: how are the documents disposed of? Secure documents are shredded.
 - ✘ Laurie Deater brought in information regarding an event planned July 12-14 in Goodwell Township. Bob will contact.
 - ✘ Question regarding ordinance. The nuisance portion, will Goodwell get help if an event is working towards being held even without application? Sheriff would help get civil infraction paperwork filled out correctly.
 - ✘ BS&A online set up on the township website to view past tax payments. Free to review your own, costs to view another.
- ◇ Rachel motioned to adjourn, Tim 2nd, passed. Meeting ended 8:05 pm.
- ◇ Next meetings:
 - ✘ Township meeting July 24th 7pm
 - ✘ Planning meeting August 13th, 7pm