

Goodwell Minutes – September 29, 2021

- 🍏 Email was sent out with minutes from August 25, 2021 meeting. Posted to the township web site.
- 🍏 John T. called meeting to order 7:00 pm:
 - ✂ John T., Rachel B., Bob B., Paul F., and Jennifer W. present. Public: Jessie Alonzo – Big Prairie Fire Dept., Jill Leslie, John Miedema
- 🍏 Pledge of allegiance recited.
- 🍏 Rachel motioned to accept the August minutes, Paul 2nd, roll call, passed.
- 🍏 Public Comment:
 - ✂ Jessie: 3 new NFRs passed the state test. One passed nationals. Have 10-11 on force. October 4th will go live with 800 system. Are three pagers short, requesting funds to cover those: \$2,046.50 + shipping. Also requesting replacing 2000-gallon porta tank: \$1135.00 + shipping. Jennifer motioned to approve purchasing these items, Bob 2nd, roll call, passed.
- 🍏 Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of September 29, 2021:
 - ✂ Have \$109,484.91 total.
 - ✂ Payments were \$164,051.42. Gilberts Carpet for flooring installation at \$3,401.64, Michigan Chloride for brining at \$6,699.87, United States Treasury for 3rd quarter payment at \$2,312.98, and Newaygo County Road Commission for road projects at \$143,633.70 were largest bills.
 - ✂ Revenue was \$10,720.70
 - ✂ Bob motioned to accept report and pay bills, Jennifer 2nd, roll call, passed.
- 🍏 Bob: **Zoning report:**
 - ✂ Stillwell permit: building a deck.
 - ✂ Neil Koths, trailer/mobile home on property. Owns 5 acre property where trailer was put.
 - ✂ Mike Krum: 408 N Pine. Steel pole barn. 90 x 150
 - ✂ Mobile home set on Elm near Baseline on east side. Mark Sias had trailer on property that was brought to Bob's attention. Residents did not understand the process. Explained the county has requirements. Gave information on contacting building department, also explained to neighbor across the street.
 - ✂ Land division: McLeod. Split of approximately 20 acres. Went through all right.
- 🍏 John Meidema (younger/taller replacement of absent chairman) : **Planning report:**
 - 🗳 Discussed junk/blight vehicles. Bob explained previous times not enforceable so wanting to make changes to correct that. Do not know what in the book is not enforceable. Checking with other townships did not give much, do not understand reasoning. Bob explained previously in Norwich abandoned vehicles treated as blight: letter sent, if no response, sent civil citation. In one official's words : If it starts growing roots, time to remove it. Up to the zoning administrator to say not selling therefore get rid of it. If time frame given that could be used for enforcement. Committee added screening as option to keep from sight. Otherwise in a building or license plate it.
 - 🗳 Discussed green belt, agreed to no adjustment needed. Marijuana verbiage deleted add paragraph about most of voters voted against marijuana, so not allowed. Activity is monitored by state police to see not commercial. For ordinance book, less is more. If state decides how it will be, township has no choice
 - 🗳 Can the zoning meeting be extended? Someone will check with Tim.
 - 🗳 Tiny houses: Ins and outs of allowing: checking with county.
- 🍏 Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**
 - ✂ Audit: on hold until Monday. Extension requested and granted.
 - ✂ SS/Med changes to specify General vs. Administrative (tax) funds tested and good.
 - ✂ Gypsy Moth forum October 9th. Will put ad on hall sign.
 - ✂ Road projects completed and paid. Next year will have one more project bill.

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- ✂ Hall usage: did not understand tables and chairs can be used, but not hall. Need to revisit. Part of reasoning was election equipment, which is no longer at hall. Now need to consider office equipment that is at hall (just began using as office in last few months.) Ask fire department about how many can legally be in hall. If allow any, should allow all. Tree climbing question for liability, parking an issue, drain field a question. Table until next month.
- 🍏 Old Business:
 - ✂ Reviewed schedule for township hall renovations. Pretty much complete, other than door for winter, back door at well pit needs work. Paint on counter not looking nice. May have to have someone recover. Wood bad around sink. Thinking about some prints on the wall. Blinds and rugs.
- 🍏 New Business:
 - ✂ Paul: ordinance. Noise across street, at a new place. Had 30 vehicles (counted) along the road. A problem in certain places. Any noise problems goes through county. Township cannot do anything.
 - ✂ Request from Joni Kaufman to be allowed to do community service at the cemetery. Tree work on the fence line of the cemetery. Maybe also a dead tree. Will do the work, no chainsaws, sign liability waiver. Bob will contact. Rachel motioned to accept the service, pending a signed liability waiver, Paul 2nd, roll call, passed.
 - ✂ Michigan Chloride: sent letter showing same pricing as current for next season. Looking to sign up. Work is appreciated. Bob motioned to use them again and to schedule now for next year, Paul 2nd, roll call passed. John will set up mid-May and first of August.
 - ✂ MTA training sessions: Rachel and Paul would like to attend appropriate sessions. 220 for hotel, 580 for class. Bob motioned to allow any board member that would like to attend to have hotel and class paid. Rachel 2nd, roll call, passed.
 - ✂ Need new BOR member. By March. Needs training. Will put on site, have interested persons contact John. Training is yearly.
 - ✂ Rachel motioned to have the next township meeting be October 20th instead of October 27th. Bob 2nd, roll call, passed.
- 🍏 Paul motioned to adjourn, Bob 2nd, roll call, passed. Meeting ended 8:00.
- 🍏 Next meetings:
 - ✂ Planning meeting October 5th, 7pm
 - ✂ Planning meeting November 2nd, 7pm
 - ✂ Township meeting October 20th, 7pm