

## Goodwell Minutes – August 25, 2021

- 🍏 Email was sent out with minutes from July 28, 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: Steven Szymanski, Jessie Alonzo – Big Prairie Fire Dept., Jill Leslie, Jim Maike – County Commissioner, Amy Stockwell – White Cloud Library Director
- 🍏 Pledge of allegiance recited.
- 🍏 Jennifer motioned to accept the July minutes, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call, passed.
- 🍏 Public Comment:
  - ✂ Jessie: Department as been busy with many accidents, storms causing a large number. Semi and SUV hit the same tree. 2 Mile and Elm had severe accident. Brandon Baker taking over Mitch's spot so Mitch can retire completely. Still looking to fill openings, have 11 volunteers. Rachel will post on Goodwell's web site. A 17-year-old is interested, will turn 18 in January. New boat on order, will break ground in fall on building to house the boat and new trailer in.
  - ✂ Amy: New director. 2 people have retired. Hard to keep part time help. Gave printout of numbers for library usage July 2020 – June 2021. Numbers are down.
  - ✂ Jim: MSU looking for place to go, land was sold. Great Lakes Energy out now putting in main feed for fiber internet. Will be complete in 45 – 60 days. Will start 95,000 house feeds in October; Big Prairie, Everett, Goodwell then north. Will get ½ the county, rest is Consumers Energy. Talked with Bill White to encourage giving townships internet for lower, vacationer rate. Will have a Health Department meeting, may change county activities due to mandates. Everett likely to have M-20 corridor be mixed use. Keep businesses on big roads. Paul asked about Autumn Olive brush and the problems it causes. What can be done about it. No real answer.
  - ✂ Steven: Beech is not serviced, does that mean it is no longer a road? Can it be blocked, to keep non residents out? If county does not fix the road, the township does not maintain. Township goes through county. A road often must be kept open, even if not maintained to deal with fire. Check with county road commission.
- 🍏 Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of August 25, 2021:
  - ✂ Have \$338,743.75 total.
  - ✂ Payments were \$20,360.82. Big Prairie Township for fire department payment at \$11,607.09, and various maintenance purchases in hall (painting, bathroom items) were largest bills.
  - ✂ Revenue was \$379.98 (3 being checks voided)
  - ✂ Bob motioned to accept report and pay bills, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call, passed.
- 🍏 Bob: **Zoning report**:
  - ✂ Larvin – permit for pole barn
  - ✂ Joseph Eckert 4 Mile. Requested app for pole barn. Was to be for storage, building department says fits agricultural. Bob will check out.
  - ✂ Joe Kauffman – permit for office building to right of current building. Separate structure 12 x 30.
  - ✂ Lumen- Locust. permit for pole barn – storage
  - ✂ Occasional calls with questions. Still working with Joni for quick deed. Land division on 5 mile waiting on legal description
- 🍏 John: **Planning report**:
  - 🗳 No meeting in August. Next meeting September 7<sup>th</sup>. Will meet for three months to clean up panning book.
- 🍏 Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**
  - ✂ New deputy clerk: Michele Maxson.
  - ✂ Michael Oil is keeping the current pricing for winter. Contracts for Assessor and Zoning Administrator being reprinted and signed. FOIA request regarding elections and funds communications and other items to be worked on.

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- ✘ Unemployment insurance reporting needs to include more employees than currently doing. Will update list and begin reporting complete list with next reporting (October).
- ✘ Discussed general ledger account reporting. Will work towards completion at time of budget review in January/February. Work with Treasurer to decide on what is best.
- 🍏 Old Business:
  - ✘ Reviewed schedule for township hall renovations. Painting and floor complete. Bathroom complete. Purchased cleaning equipment.
  - ✘ Bob (and the rest): Thanks John for the work in making sure the renovations went well, and for the work on the building.
- 🍏 Jennifer motioned to adjourn, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call, passed. Meeting ended 8:20
- 🍏 Next meetings:
  - ✘ County officer's meeting September 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 (if allowed)
  - ✘ Planning meeting September 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm
  - ✘ Township meeting September 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm