

Goodwell Township Board Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gina Warmbein at 7:02 pm.

Board members present – Gina Warmbein, Rachel Belcher, Robert Birr, and John Tow. Guests present – Tom Brock, Bev Brock, Jesse Alonzo, and Jill Leslie. Absent – Clerk Jennifer Wozniak.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jill Leslie is recording the meeting and she was asked by Gina to let us know before the meeting starts in case there are people in the audience that do not wish to be recorded.

Review/acceptance of meeting minutes from October - all board members voted yes, via email, to accept the minutes and to publish to the website.

Public Comment:

☑ Tom Brock announced that he and Bev were retiring from the Big Prairie Fire Department on December 31, 2020. Jesse Alonzo will be taking over for Tom ☑ The fire engine is now paid for. ☑ Tom asked how much is left in the fire fund for expenses. Rachel texted Jennifer and received a text back stating that there was a balance of \$6341.19 available. ☑ Tom provided a list of needed items to use the fire fund balance on: o 2 chain saws - \$607.98 from Timberland Equipment o Fire hose fitting - \$345.00 from West Shore Fire o Battery charger – several options provided ☑ Gina made a motion that we purchase the requested items for the Big Prairie Fire Dept. John seconded the motion, all members vote yes. Motion passes. ☑ Tom is also getting us a quote for 10 long sleeve shirts for the department's winter uniforms. This will be presented and voted on at a later date. ☑ Jill Leslie provided a letter with complaints about the Goodwell Township Board. The letter is appended to the minutes, along with the board's response to the complaints. ☑ John mentioned dead elm trees on the north east side of the corner of Elm Ave and 4 Mile Rd. Gina will contact the Newaygo County Road Commission to remove.

Treasurer's Report

☑ Rachel presented the treasurer's report. Revenue for the previous month was \$20,769.49, which included a State of Michigan rev share check, summer tax revenue, and a transfer from savings. Expenses for the previous month were \$13,225.21, which included payroll, service for the township hall water well, and the auditor's fee. ☑ Account balances: o Checkbook - \$26,951.28 o Savings - \$63,294.84 o Fire Fund - \$9,787.98 o Road Fund - \$87,907.90 o Tax Collection - \$801.36 ☑ Bob made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. John seconded the motion. All members vote yes. Motion passes.

Zoning Report

☑ No permits or land divisions were requested or issued. Bob is following up on a possible ordinance violation.

Planning Report

☑ Nothing new to report.

Clerk's Report

☒ Gina received a letter stating that the State of Michigan is mandating a designated assessor, Daniel Kirwin, who will be utilized if something goes wrong. The township is responsible to pay if the assessor is utilized. ☒ Election pay was discussed. Election set-up and tear-down is part of the clerk's normal pay. The clerk is eligible for election pay if working the election as an inspector.

Old Business

☒ The new propane tank set-up is complete

New Business

☒ Virtual meetings – all board members will need to download Zoom, which will be utilized if needed. Gina will set up a test meeting once we all have it downloaded. ☒ Big Prairie Fire Dept has meeting the first Monday of every month. o They need volunteers for the fire department, especially for the day shift. o Gina will add a call for volunteers to our website. o The new fire chief, Jesse Alonzo, can be reached at 231-245-9567.

☒ Gina made a motion to purchase a \$100 gift card to Antler's Restaurant for Tom and Bev Brock's retirement. Rachel will purchase and send with a card. John seconded the motion. All members vote yes to accept. Motion passes.

Adjourn

☒ Gina made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded the motion. All members vote yes to accept. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.