

Goodwell Minute Notes September 27, 2023

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

☺ Greg & Colleen Olsen	☺ Clint & Shelley Cook	☺ Jeremy Rusilowski
☺ Bill Hensley	☺ Hannah Bellah	☺ Alec Dakin
☺ John Miedema	☺ Joe Wozniak	

- ◇ Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- ◇ Email was sent out with minutes from August 30, 2023 meeting. Rachel motioned to accept the minutes, Bob 2nd, passed. Minutes posted to the township web site.
- ◇ Public Comment:
 - ≥ Jeremy read a letter, a copy is on file. It is in regards to the decision by the board to write a citation for a gathering on his property. It states there were no safety issues and discusses the process he used to understand the special event ordinance. Since there was negative feedback after the 2nd, larger gathering he decided not to have larger gatherings. He related these gatherings to other gatherings he has seen/attended in the township.
 - ≥ Alec read a letter regarding the gatherings. He is looking for specific reasons why these gatherings are challenged when it appears others of like make-up are not. What is the definition of rural residential such that it would not include this type of gathering. He will submit his letter. He is looking for the most recent planning meeting minutes (August).
 - ≥ Hannah received a survey from a group regarding the gatherings. She sees that such surveys seem to elicit skewed responses. She showed her support for gatherings in general, even if there is some level of inconvenience.
- ◇ Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of September 27, 2023:
 - ✘ Have \$322,331.31 total. Payments were \$9,306.54. Checks for taxes (Michigan 439.93 + SS/Med 2,632.12) totaling \$3,072.05 are the largest payments. Revenue was \$10,976.97. Bob motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills, Jennifer 2nd, passed.
- ◇ Bob: **Zoning report**:
 - ✘ Finished land division on Newcosta
 - ✘ Zoning application for lean-to to existing structure. N Locust by 4 Mile
- ◇ **Planning report**:
 - ✘ Next meeting October 3rd.
- ◇ Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**
 - ✘ One Township at a Time held a potluck August 21st. October 5th there will be a game day, with snack foods. The organization does have phone and email notification systems to the residents that want to have notification. All senior citizen based.
 - ✘ Will send copies of the current General Policy to the board for review so it can be discussed beginning at the November meeting.
 - ✘ Audit – expect completed. Looking into another company.
 - ✘ Board emails getting set to be non-personal. Then will work to have all be gmail.
 - ✘ Jennifer will get desk plates for the board members to display at meetings.
 - ✘ Elections:
 - ≥ Nov: Drop box ordered, nothing back yet. Mailbox is ready to be put in ground, a stake is marking the spot. John will see it is done. John will check into security cameras. This is the first special election at the hall for the clerk, need to review pay which is set at \$20/hr (will do at budget time). It has much less traffic, so not sure why so high. Will conduct election commission meeting after this meeting.
 - ≥ 9 days of early voting:
 - ☆ Have request out to Monroe township to work on agreement and finalize before end of October. Moving forward with requirements.
- ◇ Old Business:

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- ✘ Sexton position: foundations will now be done by monument companies vs. township sexton. This will be relayed to the companies. There has been no documentation regarding disinterment costs. In following other townships, this will be 2 times the internment fee. The fees for disinterment, short request time and post season burials will be added to the fee schedule. The job of mowing is for using the mowers only. Any other cemetery clean-up work is hourly, separate from mowing.
- ✘ Cemetery Ordinance changes are to two sections. Rachel motioned to accept the ordinance changes and the resolution, Bob 2nd, passed. The changes and the updated fee schedule will be posted to the Times Indicator.
- ✘ The shed had the foam insulation repaired.
- ◇ New Business:
 - ✘ Wilcox Township: Commercial use of Pine. Wilcox cannot help with road costs, and said no to the sawmill. They decided to have no commercial in a residential area. Goodwell can only have commercial on the Baseline corridor. This is now a non-issue.
 - ✘ The payment of the final road project is tabled until December, when we believe we would have the funds to completely pay, or we will decide to roll over as agreed to by the Newaygo County Road Commission.
- ◇ Public Comment:
 - ✘ Is 5 Mile to be resealed - bad spots only where wedged and sealed last year.
 - ✘ Spraying that was done around Labor Day seemed questionable. Call the County.
 - ✘ Dead oak trees: County has used all monies. They will take care of each tree as they fall.
 - ✘ Discussed taping each meeting and posting. Residents might view even if not attending.
 - ✘ Magistrate will help determine if to go forward with citation being worked on regarding Jeremy.
 - ✘ Treasurer needs BOR dates for December. Also, board members to have entry for newsletter by early November.
- ◇ Bob motioned to adjourn, Rachel 2nd, passed. Meeting ended 8:15.
- ◇ Next meetings:
 - ✘ Planning meeting October 3rd, 7pm
 - ✘ Township meeting October 25th, 7pm