

Goodwell Minutes
October 23, 2024

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none">☺ Alec & Kasey Dakin☺ Christopher Gingerich☺ Jeremy Rusilowski☺ Roberta Landstra☺ Rita Berndt☺ Lisa Woods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☺ Lawrence Stillwell☺ Colleen Olson☺ Joe Wozniak☺ David Fast☺ Ryan Fast
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- ◇ Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- ◇ Email was sent out with minutes from September 25, 2024, meeting. Rachel motioned to accept the minutes, Bob 2nd, roll call, passed. Minutes posted to the township website.
- ◇ Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of October 2, 2024:
 - ✘ Have \$177,794.13 total. Payments were \$11,021.28. Gabridge & Company, PLC check for \$2,000 – audit/F-65, was the largest payment. Revenue was \$12,332.81, which includes the reimbursement for the February Election. Bob motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills. Greg 2nd, roll call, passed.
- ◇ Public Comment: None.
- ◇ Bob: **Zoning report:**
 - ✘ 4 zoning applications: One for Joseph Kaufman for a lean-to for wood. One for 36 x 50 pole barn. One for Clint Cook. One for end of last month, a utility pole on 1 Mile.
- ◇ **Planning report:**
 - ✘ None: Next meeting is November 12.
- ◇ Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**
 - ✘ Elections:
 - ≥ Set for early voting to start October 26th. There were issues with 4 out of 6 machines but the Accuracy test was completed October 12th. Voters can sign up with state to receive electronic notification when there is a change to their record on the voter file. It is completely through the state, not the township. Voters applying for an absentee ballot can upload a signature if one does not exist for them.
 - ✘ A book was received from MTA regarding cemeteries. It will help correctly write in the cemetery ordinance what is to happen when a plot owner has passed and there is no documentation showing subsequent owner. After election Jennifer will be researching and work with ordinance updates to be voted on prior to the new season.
 - ✘ Budget:
 - ≥ The audit/F-65 is complete and the list of journal entries has been done.
 - ≥ Jennifer will have the revised budget resolution ready for voting on at November's meeting.
 - ✘ MTA is offering a free trial for Online Learning. Jennifer will sign up the township for it.
 - ✘ West Michigan Shredding in Jenison sent an email describing their services. Jennifer will check it out for disposing of outdated documents when there is an amount worth the trip.
- ◇ Old Business: NONE
 - ✘ Special Events Ordinance Review: The attorney does not have the finalized ordinance for review. Review will wait until the November meeting, and the attorney will be at the meeting.
- ◇ New Business:
 - ✘ The current cemetery ordinance does not address the service of marking a site for foundation placement when there is no burial at the same time. There is a resident looking for the service of disinterment within the next few years and there is no information in the ordinance. Jennifer will review the wording and have proposed changes for a vote prior to the new cemetery season.
 - ✘ Bob motioned to appoint Greg Olson as Planning Board liaison to the Planning Board of Appeals. Rachel 2nd, roll call, passed.

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- ✘ Bob motioned to have John Tow purchase the printer he had used for the Supervisor position for \$25. Jennifer 2nd, roll call, passed. The used printer worth is low. There is no need for a new printer. John had been using his own printer for township work when it became unusable and he had the township buy a new one.
- ◇ Public Comment:
 - ✘ Mr Gingerich (Big Prairie Fire Department): September was slow. One mutual aid medical, 14 other medical. Seven fire. One lift assist. They have tested dry hydrants and training for research and rescue. They are at 13 members, 22 would be considered full. They especially need members available in the day.
 - ✘ Mr Dakin: Will the special event draft be able to be seen by the public before voting, or will it be “police action”? Tim is looking at a best process to follow.
 - ✘ Mr Fast: With the machine issues during the public accuracy testing, is voting safe? Jennifer explained the issues were with a printer not being able to use correct paper and the paper used ended up causing the 2 tabulators to have problems. The printer was replaced with a new one. Then a VAT machine froze and had to be reset by stopping it and restarting. The preparation went fine so once the machines were set the testing results were accurate.
 - ✘ Rachel: Need newsletter articles in to her by November 15th. The board dates were reviewed to see if any needed changing due to holidays. Rachel motioned to have the Board meetings all be the last Wednesday of the month (no elections next year), Bob 2nd, roll call, passed. These dates will be published in the newsletter. We will check with Planning and BOR for their dates, and we have to find the bring dates.
- ◇ Bob motioned to adjourn, Jennifer 2nd, passed. Meeting ended 7:50 pm.
- ◇ Next meetings:
 - ✘ Planning meeting November 12th, 7pm
 - ✘ Township meeting November 27th, 7pm