

Goodwell Minute Notes
October 25, 2023

- ◇ John T. called meeting to order 7:00 pm, meeting was recorded:
 - ✘ Rachel B., Bob Birr, John T., Tim M., and Jennifer W. present
 - ✘ Public:
- ☺ Greg & Colleen Olsen
- ☺ John Miedema
- ☺ Clint Cook
- ☺ Alec & Kasey Dakin
- ☺ Joe Wozniak
- ☺ Jeremy Rusilowski

- ◇ Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- ◇ Email was sent out with minutes from September 27, 2023 meeting. Tim motioned to accept the minutes, Bob 2nd, passed. Minutes posted to the township web site.
- ◇ Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of October 25, 2023:
 - ✘ Have \$136,715.46 total. Payments were \$14,361.57. Check for bringing to Michigan Chloride Sales LLC in the amount of \$7,504.20 was the largest payment. Revenue was \$78.23. Bob motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills, Jennifer 2nd, passed.
- ◇ Public Comment:
 - ✘ Jeremy: August 9 & 10 2024 he plans to have an event, and he needs to know the process and timing for what he must have for the township. Things to be complete at least a few weeks before the event. No insurance needed until an approval is obtained.
 - ✘ Clint: gave an estimate he obtained for bringing. It will be considered at the time for scheduling.
- ◇ Bob: **Zoning report**:
 - ✘ Status of citation mentioned at last meeting: Bob talked to Ryan Coffee and the attorney, and John also contacted them. It is a slow process. The best course is to have the attorney write a formal letter to Jeremy explaining what did happen and will happen. If in violation it will be brought to the magistrate, where it will be Jeremy and the Zoning Administrator. If Jeremy doesn't like the outcome, he can have a Circuit Court hearing with attorneys. With such a letter there could be an order to cease and desist if he is in violation. The attorney sent an ordinance from another township to review, it was given to Planning. Our violation fees are low, they would not cover expenses, it is suggested that they be reviewed. Ryan Coffee suggested to shorten up the 60-day deadline. Ryan is willing to attend meetings to work through the ordinance for this area.
 - ✘ 4 applications
 - ⊃ 1 Terry Rumin on N Locust for a lean to on the pole barn built last year
 - ⊃ John Suvell on 5 Mile has 2 applications. He built a porch last year without a permit and started building a garage without one. He thought the contractor would do the paperwork.
 - ⊃ 1 Ken Grahm on Baseline. Building a pole barn, a portion will be for living quarters.
- ◇ **Planning report**:
 - ✘ October 3rd meeting: worked on temporary events and solar panels issues. Hope to have documents ready for the board to discuss at the December meeting. Next meeting December 5th.
- ◇ Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**
 - ✘ One Township at a Time group is working to have names of residents that would like help or communication. We are asking the board and others to help come up with names. Any submitted names will have a survey sent to indicate if they are willing to be contacted.
 - ✘ Tim motioned to have the process for automated bill notification be to print the first auto-payment for trustee signatures, then do not print for signatures unless a set amount is changed. Bob 2nd, passed
 - ✘ Will print copies of the current General Policy to Board members, Planning Board members, Appeals Board members, and Board of Review members. We will be reviewing this beginning in December.
 - ✘ Audit – still no indication of completed or not completed. Looking into another company.
 - ✘ Working on non-personal board email addresses. Then will work to have all be gmail.
 - ✘ Set to order desk plates, need confirmation of what each member wants printed.
 - ✘ Elections:
 - ⊃ Nov: Drop box is on back order. Mailbox is ready. John will check into security cameras. Will conduct election commission meeting after this meeting.
 - ⊃ 9 days of early voting: Monroe/Goodwell agreement complete and to the County.

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- ✘ In working with the IRS for 941 forms, the IRS notified Jennifer they do not recognize the clerk, Jennifer Wozniak, as being authorized to talk to them. Rachel motioned to make the Goodwell Clerk, Jennifer Wozniak, the representative to talk to the IRS on behalf of the Township of Goodwell, and to pay the amount they stated. Bob 2nd, passed.
- ✘ In talking with another auditor, he was suggested that certain practices might be causing some extra time to complete our audit. Tim motioned that Jennifer and Rachel attend a Financial Fundamentals conference offered by MTA. Bob 2nd, passed.
- ◇ Old Business:
 - ✘ Big Prairie talked with Bob about making their portion of Baseline between Elm and Cherry a commercial corridor. They are looking for our requirement for depth of property for commercial property.
- ◇ New Business:
 - ✘ Discussed the cemetery signs. John did take down the ones referring to the sexton putting in foundations. One last sign has another reference to taking down flowers. He will cut off the top portion which has the foundation sign. We will look to replace the signs that are in bad shape.
 - ✘ We will work on figuring out who will plow, and set up the schedule for dates of meetings, and for the treasurer dates.
- ◇ Bob motioned to adjourn, Jennifer 2nd, passed. Meeting ended 8:50pm.
- ◇ Next meetings:
 - ✘ Planning meeting December 5th, 7pm
 - ✘ Township meeting November 29th 7pm