

Goodwell Minutes
December 18, 2024

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

☺ Alec & Kasey Dakin	☺ Lisa Woods
☺ Christopher Gingerich	☺ Sandra Wright
☺ Jeremy Rusilowski	☺ Colleen Olson
☺ Roberta Landstra	☺ Jim (Attorney) & Cheryl Scales
☺ Joel Nichols	☺ Joe Wozniak

- ◇ Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- ◇ Email was sent out with minutes from November 27, 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 November 27, 2024:
 - ✘ Have \$181,351.90 total. Payments were \$6,181.73. Payroll taxes (Michigan 584.71 and US 754.38) checks totaling 1,339.09 were the largest payments. Revenue was \$4,243.98. The August Primary 9 day reimbursement check was received. Bob motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills. Greg 2nd, roll call, passed.
- ◇ Public Comment: None.
- ◇ Bob: **Zoning report**:
 - ✘ No applications. 2 calls, one regarding plans for a spring project. The other regarding a tower on Elm, adding more equipment. Will respond that there is no zoning problems.
- ◇ **Planning report**:
 - ✘ Greg reviewed the notes from the November planning meeting (put in the November Board meeting). Luke is checking into small home-based business.
- ◇ Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**
 - ✘ Elections: There is a May election for White Cloud Public Schools. Will send in reimbursement information for the November General election next week.
 - ✘ Budget: Need information sheets from each department for drafting FYE 26 budget.
 - ✘ Cemetery: Reviewing MTA ordinance example and comparing to Goodwell ordinance. Working with MTA about needing safe and what documents must be in a safe, taking into account electronic storage.
 - ✘ Retention: Still waiting to hear from Assessor regarding assessing documents. Will have retention review with Board in April/May. Looking at electronic storage options, and shelving (for shed and hall).
 - ✘ NCTOA: next meeting is March 5, 2025 at Lincoln township hall.
 - ✘ Jennifer motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-01 Poverty Guide Line Resolution w/Asset Level, Bob 2nd, roll call, passed.
 - ✘ Jennifer motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-02 Property Transfer Resolution, Greg 2nd, roll call, passed.
 - ✘ Tim noted that Goodwell had the first poverty exemption in 20 years this year. Jackie noted at the BOR meeting that here is a marked spike in poverty exemption requests.
 - ✘ Jennifer needs the board phone numbers for the County directory by January.
- ◇ Old Business:
 - ✘ Special Events Ordinance Review: Jim Scales explained the changes in the ordinance. The ordinance is aimed at events that are not accessory to residential use and not already permitted. Bob motioned to adopt the special event ordinance. Greg 2nd, roll call, Jennifer – yes, Rachel – yes, Bob – yes, Greg – yes, Tim – yes, passed. This auto repeals the current ordinance. Jim will write up a summary that Jennifer will get published.
 - ✘ Jennifer motioned to approve a \$50.00 fee for foundation marking – when no burial. Bob 2nd, roll call, passed.
- ◇ New Business:
 - ✘ Jennifer motioned to allow the hall to be used, and to accept the rental agreement as written. Greg 2nd, roll call, passed.
 - ✘ The current election computer is out-dated and cannot be updated to Windows 11. The State of Michigan is offering to reimburse up to \$1,000 for a new election computer. Currently the state is reimbursing for

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the 9 days of early voting. Greg motioned to purchase a new computer before the deadline date of February 28, 2025 so it can be reimbursed. Bob 2nd, roll call, passed.

- ✘ Rachel motioned to have the Sexton do the plowing for the current \$50.00 rate. Bob 2nd, roll call, passed.
- ✘ The FYE 25 budget will stay as is until the auditor clarifies the budget carryover process.

◇ Public Comment:

- ✘ Jeremy asked for clarification on how to move forward with a partial special event application. Bob worked through the questions. Jeremy questioned the ending time of 10pm. The ordinance will be adhered to. Sound has been an issue with events. Alec questioned when farm events have similar activities. The Right To Farm Act takes precedence. Could have a separate noise ordinance, but currently not desiring to add more ordinances.
- ✘ Mr Gingerich (BPFED): There were 13 runs; 8 medical 5 fire. There was an auto/boat accident, and a downed power line. Training was with Aero-med with and at Croton. It dealt with landing information and SEVA air packs. They played dodge ball in full gear and air tanks. The idea was to see how air is consumed. Also did hose testing. There are still around 13 members, and would like to go to over 20. All but 3 or 4 have medical training. Only officers have personal radios. There is a radio in each truck. Radios cost close to 1,000.00 and also needs a license and programming. A new state requirement is to be able to have radios encrypted. Any not meeting the requirement must be replaced by 2026. Every member does have a receiving pager. A kit for medical personnel in Goodwell would be helpful.

◇ Board Comments:

- ✘ BOR: one clerical error, one poverty exemption (it did meet requirements)
- ✘ Tim motioned to reappoint the same BOR members – Lawrence Stillwell, Dave Fast, and Walt Winkler. Bob 2nd, roll call, passed. Two will need to go to training. Tim will give information to Jennifer.
- ✘ Bob will look at a plaque to place in the hall in recognition and memory of Paul Fetterley's years of service. It would also be used to recognize other members that have given many years of service.

◇ Jennifer motioned to adjourn, Bob 2nd, passed. Meeting ended 8:30 pm.

◇ Next meetings:

- ✘ Planning meeting January 14th, 7pm
- ✘ Township meeting January 29th, 7pm