

Goodwell Minute Notes  
December 27, 2023

- ◇ Tim M. called meeting to order 7:02 pm, meeting was recorded:
  - ✘ Rachel B., Bob Birr, John T. (after start), Tim M., and Jennifer W. present
  - ✘ Public:

☺ Alec and Kasey Dakin	☺ Joe Wozniak
☺ Joel & Rebecca Nichols	☺ Christopher Gingerich – Big Prairie FD
☺ Clint and Shelley Cook	☺ Sandra Wright
☺ Jeremy Rusilowski	☺ David Fast
☺ Laureen Deater	

  
- ◇ Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- ◇ Email was sent out with minutes from December 27, 2023, meeting. Bob motioned to accept the minutes, Rachel 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed. Minutes posted to the township website.
- ◇ Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of Jan 31, 2024:
  - ✘ Have \$292,590.29 total. Payments were \$15,388.23. Check for the audit in the amount of \$6,000.00 was the largest payment. Revenue was \$66,496.46. Bob motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills. Jennifer 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
- ◇ Public Comment:
  - ✘ Alec: On the draft for the special event ordinance a license fee according to the event schedule is referenced. Where is the schedule? Currently, there is a fee of \$100, looking to use that. The draft follows another township's ordinance. The draft shows restriction, has an attorney reviewed #9? There will be a vote at this meeting to advance the draft to attorney review. A process of getting the draft phasing out the current ordinance from planning at a special meeting then the board at a regular meeting must be worked through. Then the stand alone can be voted in.
  - ✘ Fire Report: December runs: 15 medical, 2 structure fires – 1 in White Cloud, one in Croton, 1 accident. Nothing on Dragon Trail.
  - ✘ Jeremy: On the draft Application for the special event the ending event time states 10pm, when it has been 11. Can a variance be requested? Do not know, Tim will find out.
- ◇ Bob: **Zoning report**:
  - ✘ Call from property owner on 5 Mile. He is deciding about his pole barn and will get back when he is ready.
  - ✘ Dealt with a property owner on Pine where a trailer is located. There were indications that someone was living in the trailer more than 3 months. The owner was informed of this. The next day Bob was called by the property owner that the trailer was removed.
- ◇ **Planning report**:
  - ✘ Next meeting is February 6.
- ◇ Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**
  - ✘ We do have a resident that responded to the One Township at a time survey. The new activities coordinator will be working with this. Goodwell will reestablish the monthly meetings beginning in March.
  - ✘ Form 2848 for establishing the clerk as the representative for Goodwell to the IRS has been sent. Nothing back yet.
  - ✘ Discussed the Fire Agreement with Big Prairie. It must be set at FYE for 2024 – 2027. This goes along with the millage for fire (and road) to be voted on August 6, 2024. The millage will be sent to the attorney for review. When completed, we will finalize the agreement and the millage resolution.
  - ✘ The FOIA Procedures and Guidelines, the Public Summary of same, and the resolution for them will be reviewed then voted on in March.
  - ✘ Audit – Discussed the audit just completed in December and the proposals received from 2 audit firms. Goodwell will no longer use H&S Companies due to communication/timeliness issues. Douglas Wohlberg, CPA is not being considered due to possible short-term availability. Jennifer motioned to accept the proposed contract from Gabridge & Co. for auditing beginning FY2024. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
  - ✘ Tim will work with Bob to have a Zoning Administrator email set up. Then the clerk and treasurer emails will be changed over to gmail accounts so all township emails will be on that platform.

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- ✘ Discussed the BS&A proposal. Jennifer will set up a time with BS&A for questions. Such as: Why such a large increase in annual fee for each of the current programs when upgraded? Why must they be upgraded when currently working and not attached to accounting? What choices are there besides the cloud?
- ✘ Elections:
  - ≥ Feb: Tim ordered cameras, not acceptable. Ordering again. Cage is ready to assemble. John will organize a workday – Rachel will find the date that works for her to work with her office movement.
  - ≥ Currently checking the mailbox and performing the ballot box inspection. Machines close to set for test next Tuesday, February 6, at 6pm.
- ✘ Discussed the proposed 2024 budget amendment, made minor changes. Bob motioned to accept the proposed amended budget (with changes) for FYE 2024. John 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
- ◇ Old Business:
  - ✘ Tim motioned to pay off the 2023 Road project. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
- ◇ New Business:
  - ≥ Bill Hensley turned in his resignation as township Sexton. Discussion with Joel that he is still interested and will give his application letter. He is interested in keeping current duties, not farming out. John had asked for mowing bids, but no response. Liability for headstone damage seems the reason. The position will stay posted on the township website until ready for a vote (March meeting). Each applicant needs to get set for an interview at that time.
  - ≥ The budget workshop meeting is February 13, beginning at 5pm. It will get posted to the township website.
  - ≥ Municipal/Civil Infraction Ordinance: This is needed for planning book ordinances that Tim is crafting. Tim motioned to table the topic until the next regular meeting. Rachel 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed
  - ≥ Tim motioned to send the draft of the Special Event Ordinance to the attorneys for legal review. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
  - ≥ Tim motioned to authorize a special meeting for planning board in March to consider extracting out the current special event wording from the planning ordinance book. Jennifer 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
  - ≥ We can be reimbursed for brining 2024 after the first round. Send in receipt to the Road Commission.
  - ≥ Bob motioned we accept the contract from Newaygo County Equalization as written and pay the current bill. Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
- ◇ Public Comment:
  - ✘ Alec:
    - ≥ The understanding from the meeting with Ryan Coffee is to work with people trying to have special events. Does the board believe the membership of the planning board meets the planning enabling act statement? There is not a current chair for board of appeals, will the board commit to having one? Alec asks to be considered for planning commission when there is an opening. The board has spent much time searching for people to be on the board, with no answer. The attorney says it is not required to always have a fully manned board of appeals. But when it is needed, you must get one immediately. The number of appointments will be posted on the township website.
- ◇ Bob motioned to adjourn, Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed. Meeting ended 8:30pm.
- ◇ Next meetings:
  - ✘ Township meeting February 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm
  - ✘ Public Accuracy Test February 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm
  - ✘ Planning meeting February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm