

Goodwell Minute Notes
February 28, 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:

☺ Alec and Kasey Dakin	☺ John Meidema
☺ Joel & Rebecca Nichols	☺ Joe Wozniak
☺ Clint & Shelley Cook	☺ Christopher Gingerich – Big Prairie FD
☺ Jeremy Rusilowski	☺ Sandra Wright
☺ Greg and Colleen Olson	☺ April Pickard – from County Clerk office

- ◇ Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- ◇ Email was sent out with minutes from January 31, 2024, meeting. Bob motioned to accept the minutes, Rachel 2nd, passed. Minutes posted to the township website. The proposed budget is out of balance (more expenditures than income). Another workshop is scheduled for March 11 at 6pm to correct.
- ◇ Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of Feb 28, 2024:
 - ✂ Have \$321,022.16 total. Payments were \$37,534.08. Check for the Road Commission bill in the amount of \$25,748.56 was the largest payment. Revenue was \$9,65.03. Bob motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills. Jennifer 2nd, passed.
 - ✂ Bob motioned to accept the Goodwell Township Investment and Depository Designation Resolution, Jennifer 2nd, passed.
- ◇ Public Comment:
 - ✂ April Pickard: has entered her name on the August primary ballot for Newaygo County Clerk. Lived in Grant and has worked for the County 8 years. She is looking to establish more support for local clerks, as there was in the past: mock elections, meetings, etc. Looking to have on-line vital records capability. Also wanting to educate school children about elections and improve interest and desire to help in election process. Has worked through the nine early voting day at the County.
 - ✂ Fire Report: January runs: 28 total including 2 auto, 1 chimney fire, 11 downed lines- 2 in Goodwell, one lift assist. Manpower is at 15, one from Goodwell is close to having medical training done.
 - ✂ Clint and Alec handed requested documents to the Supervisor.
- ◇ Bob: **Zoning report**:
 - ✂ One zoning permit for a carport on the front of a house. Getting phone calls for other structures, but difficult to contact at this time. After mid-April it will be easier.
- ◇ **Planning report**:
 - ✂ John M: Discussed new temporary events ordinance, working on it. Zoning violations fees report will be established for recommending to Board after next meeting. Special meeting set for March 4, 2024.
- ◇ Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**
 - ✂ Form 2848 for establishing the clerk as the representative for Goodwell to the IRS set. Will work on in April.
 - ✂ Annual meetings are abolished, and in order to establish one for the township, there must be enough support to get it put on the ballot to be voted on. There are no resolutions or election papers to show this has been done at Goodwell, so we are to proceed without one. The budget is to be a line item on a regular or special meeting agenda. Our public budget hearing is in March, so it will be at the regular March meeting.
 - ✂ All fee, officer pay, and non-officer pay schedules are to have resolutions. The budgets and any amended budgets also must have resolutions. The final FYE2024 budget amendment will be at the March meeting.
 - ✂ Elections:
 - ⊃ Went fine. 16 voters, 9 Goodwell and 7 Monroe, for the 9 days. 111 for voting day (includes 30 absentee). Plan to have some signs for August to help remind voters it is election day, and for the early voting a sign that states voting times.
- ◇ Old Business:
 - ✂ Jennifer motioned to table the Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance until Tim can discuss. Rachel 2nd, passed.
 - ✂ Thank you to Dave F, Alec D, Jeremy R, Tim M., John Tow II, and Joe W. for working to get the cage up.

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- ◇ New Business:
 - ≥ Special Events Ordinance: planning to give recommendation by next meeting.
 - ≥ Rachel motioned to accept the Fee Schedule for FYE2025, Bob 2nd, passed. The payroll resolutions will wait until the FYE 2025 budget is corrected.
 - ≥ Jennifer motioned to accept the Big Prairie and Goodwell Townships Joint Fire Protection Agreement. Bob 2nd, passed.
 - ≥ We reviewed who are the possible applicants for planning and Appeals Board. The website has had the information for all the positions that are open, it will remain until the March meeting. John M. is interested in remaining. Alec and Clint gave their letter of interest.
- ◇ Public Comment:
 - ≥ Will it cost the township to have the Investment and Depository Designation? No, this is a policy that gives the treasurer the guidelines to work with when investing. Since no road projects this year, the funds can be invested. If there is any in savings, that could also be invested and get a higher return than the current interest. Mainly looking at the program MI Class.
- ◇ Bob motioned to adjourn, Jennifer 2nd, passed. Meeting ended 7:50pm.
- ◇ Next meetings:
 - ✂ Township meeting March 27th 7pm, including the budget hearing on the agenda
 - ✂ Planning Special Meeting March 4, 2024, 7pm
 - ✂ Planning Scheduled meeting May 7th, 7pm