

Goodwell Minutes

October 29, 2025

- ◊ 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	☺ Colleen Olson	☺ Leona Harvey
☺ Christopher Gingerich	☺ Sandra Wright	☺ John Meidema
☺ Ryan Fast	☺ Dave Fast	
☺ Jeremy Rusilowski	☺ Joe Wozniak	
- ◊ Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- ◊ Email was sent out with minutes from Sept 24, 2025. Bob motioned to accept the minutes, Greg 2nd, passed. Minutes posted to the township website.
- ◊ Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of Oct 29, 2025:
 - ☒ Have \$270,825.15 total. Payments were \$8969.50. This includes the payout of the interest to the Big Prairie Fire Dept. No other large payments were made. Revenue was \$146.93. Jennifer motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills. Greg 2nd, roll call, passed.
- ◊ **Public Comment:**
 - ☒ Christopher BPPD - 36 runs:
 - ≥ 6 medical in Goodwell
 - ≥ 1 structure fire
 - ≥ Training was two extrication trainings performed in house: car door removal and car stabilization.
 - ≥ NO information on the use of the interest payment from last month. They have two new radios that are working great and have ordered three more in line to program.
- ◊ Bob: **Zoning report:**
 - ☒ 4 new zoning applications – 2 pole barns, a shipping container and a house going up on Washington. Received phone call for zoning app for property building something – have not received return call.
- ◊ **Planning:**
 - ☒ John reported on Accessory Dwelling Units - Bob wanted more information, Tim had concerns about having to be voted on by the board as in special use? He would rather that Zoning just gives permit if it meets requirements. Tim thinks that any other way may be bad policy and could open the township to litigation later, offered example of a case in Leelanau of \$50M.
- ◊ Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**
 - ☒ The UI audit is complete. Explained the two insurance policies, one from auto owners, the other is worker's comp from Liberty Mutual. Jennifer will check into the commercial crime coverage and blanket employee dishonesty to find out if that is the bond coverage needed.
 - ☒ Reviewed the budget reports. Will address road and fire stabilizations next month.
 - ☒ Cemetery. One burial scheduled for November 1. Someone asked about cemetery plot as a benefit for township employees and the topic is no longer being considered.
 - ☒ Clerk position update: with training Leona as clerk that is going well, Jennifer is still checking into another interested resident.
- ◊ **Old Business:** none
- ◊ **New Business:**
 - ☒ Budget amendment resolutions: General budget 2025 – 08 Zoning revenue and expenses increased due to increase in applications. Election amounts were adjusted with a zero net change to the budget. This resulted in changes in the budgeted revenues being \$131,384.37, and the budgeted expenses being \$108,290.00. Fire budget 2025 – 09 Revenues for taxes and the expenses for contracted both increased. Misc. increased by \$2,610.72, which were taken from balance in Fire Fund. These changes resulted in the budgeted revenues being \$26,154.00, and the budgeted expenses being \$28,664.72.
 - ☒ Clerk payments – Tim will apply to be the authorized representative on the credit card account. Then he will assign a card to the new clerk.
- ◊ **Public Comment:** Jeremy wanted to apply for a sound curfew for midnight for noise variance of the special events ordinance. Tim did not want to have exceptions advised Jeremy to set up a discussion for a future meeting. Joe wanted to know what the next steps for ADU. Tim sent it back to planning to modify

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requirements. There was more discussion about ADUs, encouraged residents to attend next Planning meeting.

- ◊ **Board Comments** None
- ◊ Bob motioned to adjourn, Jennifer 2nd, passed. Meeting ended at 8:13 pm.
- ◊ Next meetings:
 - ☒ Planning meeting January 13th, 7pm
 - ☒ Township meeting November 26th, 7pm

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