

July 30, 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:
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| ☺ Alec & Kasey Dakin | ☺ David Fast | ☺ Rita Berndt |
| ☺ Jon Schula | ☺ Jeremy Rusilowski | ☺ Clint & Shelley Cook |
| ☺ Christopher Gingerich | ☺ Colleen Olson | |
- ♦ Pledge of Allegiance recited.
 ♦ Email was sent out with minutes from June 25, 2025. Bob motioned to accept the minutes, Greg 2nd, passed. Minutes posted to the township website.
 ♦ Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of July 30, 2025:
 ✖ Have \$337,410.86 total. Payments were \$10,811.59. The payment to Mike's Dumpster Rental for Cleanup day of \$1,950.00 was the largest payments. Payroll was higher due to Planning meeting and BOR meeting. Revenue was \$20,765.38. Rachel researched how the Metro Act monies are to be used. No documentation has been found, and another township that has pursued this question has been using the funds for general funds Goodwell has been doing this and will continue to until anything else is presented. The funds will be accounted for under the account separately from the Local Community Stabilization Act funds. They had been consolidated under one account since they are issued by the same organization, but they are not to be distributed the same and should be accounted for separately. Greg motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills. Jennifer 2nd, roll call, passed.
- ♦ **Public Comment:** Christopher (BPDFD)
 ✖ 25 runs:
 - ≥ 7 Fire runs: 3 structure (1 Goodwell, 2 mutual aid), 2 downed power lines (1 outside area), 3 grass fire (1 Goodwell, 2 Big Prairie), 1 storm detail (tornado). 18 medical runs
 - ≥ 1 downed power line, 1 illegal burn
 - ≥ Training was: Dry hydrant test – 4 hydrants, 1 in Goodwell. 2nd training was pump operations – making sure everyone knows how to operate.
- ♦ **Bob: Zoning report:**
 ✖ 2 land divisions 1) 3 Mile (potato farm) 2) 1 Mile, Dawn Burns Splitting for daughter, will build residence.
 ✖ 4 zoning apps: 1) pole barn – 5 mile near gas company property. 2) Frame home E. 5 Mile. Quoted earlier, decided to put up home. 3) Luke Eising – addition to barn for Ag food processing 4) 1 Mile – previously pulled an app last year for RV pole. They decided on regular small home.
 ✖ Working on a possible land division 5 Mile/Elm
 ✖ Pine/Baseline - CleanUp coming along
- ♦ **Planning report:**
 ✖ Met July 15th. Worked on a revision of home occupation. Laurie checked with 5 townships, only one allows home occupation. The Planning board is starting to look at guidelines. There hasn't been anything from the State level except that the State required each township to assign a spot for this.
 ✖ The master plan will be reviewed next year. There needs to be planning on how to do this with funds being lower.
- ♦ **Jennifer: Clerk's Report**
 ✖ Audit – Expect to work with the auditor week of Aug 11th.
 ✖ Budget: Board members were given budget reports. No line items needing review.
 ✖ BS&A is used by the Assessor (Assessing) and the Treasurer (Tax). Since funds are in question and both BS&A are used for tax information purposes, both will be to Tax accounting numbers.
 ✖ The Unemployment Insurance system for Michigan is updating to another system. Jennifer will work to set up when it becomes available, and to complete the 4th quarter reporting so the new clerk will not have to immediately perform this in January 2026.
- ♦ **Old Business:**
 ✖ Jennifer will check with Times Indicator on cost for advertising for a clerk.
- ♦ **New Business:**

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- ✖ Cemetery: The Cook family has given signed/notarized letters from each family head requesting 3 sites be transferred from the current owners (the parents that have passed away) to Keith and Becky Cook. Jennifer motioned to accept the documents and write a deed to Keith and Becky Cook for the stated sites. Bob 2nd, roll call, passed.
- ✖ Pre-approved expenses list. Greg motioned to accept the pre-approved expenses list and to have it be attached to the Budget papers as part of the Budget reviews and part of the Budget approval process. Rachel 2nd, roll call, passed.
- ◇ **Public Comment:**
 - ✖ Clint – Questioned the hours of a special event. The area was reviewed after 10pm and there was no indication of amplified noise or light above normal camping levels. Clint asked if a special event permit would be needed for someone wanting to sell a legal product a couple days 2 times a year. Brooks has someone with fireworks that falls into this category.
- ◇ **Board Comments:** Tim and Bob met with a Mika Meyers attorney. He is knowledgeable and experienced. He works for over 20 townships/municipalities in Michigan. If he doesn't have an answer, he would consult with the rest of the Mika Meyers office.
- ◇ Jennifer motioned to adjourn, Greg 2nd, passed. Meeting ended 7:50 pm.
- ◇ Next meetings:
 - ✖ Township meeting August 27th, 7pm
 - ✖ Planning meeting October 14th, 7pm