

Goodwell Minutes November 27, 2024

- ◇ Bob B. called meeting to order 7:00 pm, meeting was recorded:
 - ✂ Rachel B., Bob B., Greg O. and Jennifer W. present. Tim Excused.
 - ✂ Public:
- ☺ Alec & Kasey Dakin
- ☺ Christopher Gingerich
- ☺ Jeremy Rusilowski
- ☺ Roberta Landstra
- ☺ Joel Nichols
- ☺ Doug Perrin
- ☺ Emily A
- ☺ Colleen Olson
- ☺ David Fast
- ☺ Ryan Fast
- ◇ Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- ◇ Email was sent out with minutes from October 23, 2024, meeting. Greg motioned to accept the minutes, Rachel 2nd, roll call, passed. Minutes posted to the township website.
- ◇ Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of November 27, 2024:
 - ✂ Have \$145,298.78 total. Payments were \$52,079.26 which includes 19,078.00 transferred from Savings to checking to cover Frisbee Contracting, Inc bill. Frisbee Contracting, Inc check for \$19,087.00 for completion of work, was the largest payment, election wages were 5,1254.47. Revenue was \$29,702.62, which includes the transfer to checking. Jennifer motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills. Greg 2nd, roll call, passed.
 - ✂ Layline paid their taxes. No outstanding personal taxes.
- ◇ Public Comment: None.
- ◇ Bob: **Zoning report:**
 - ✂ 1 zoning application to addition on to storage building on Pine/4 Mile.
- ◇ **Planning report:**
 - ✂ At the November 12 meeting Planning adopted the updated Bylaws. Luke has accepted to be on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The next Planning meeting is January 14th. Planning will be updating the Master Plan for Goodwell in 2025. The 2023 Year End Report is complete.
- ◇ Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**
 - ✂ Elections: Are done. Voters voiced their preference for 9-day voting to be at the local level (70 votes) vs. County level (10 votes). There were 154 early voters, 66 absentee voters, and 175 Voting Day voters. A total of 395.
 - ✂ Cemetery: Most forms scanned. Have letters/notes to scan. Working on noting Vet status and last contact information. Ordinance needs to be updated in 2025 to reflect processes (and applicable fees) for: foundation marking where there is not a burial happening, where a site is owned by a deceased person, disinterment, and bench placement. Sophie H is looking to have a disinterment for her father (cremated) to take him when she moves. Joel is researching the process to follow. He has contacted the Health Department and various sextons. Joel as asked Sophie to get hold of her relations and have each sign a release paper and give to the Health Department. The Sexton will need an affidavit (proving the requestor did get permission from relatives) from a reputable funeral home. Goodwell has no price yet, but other townships charge double the current burial price. The question remains of what to do with the lot and any remaining markers not taken.
 - ✂ Budget: Jennifer will have the revised budget resolution ready for voting on at December's meeting, after reviewing with the Supervisor.
 - ✂ Most of the Board is signed up for a free trial for Online Learning.
 - ✂ Retention: All original boxes (non-treasurer) are sorted into; ready for shredding (taking to West Michigan Shredding in Jenison), scanning, historical, permanent and temporary organizing/storage. There is also a little bit that isn't useful to the township, but someone might use. Waiting on assessor about what is scanned/stored on her end. Will review all with Supervisor for final say. When shredding, Clerk will coordinate with Treasurer to also take her shredding.
- ◇ Old Business: NONE
 - ✂ Special Events Ordinance Review: Review will wait until the December meeting, and the attorney will be at the meeting.
- ◇ New Business: NONE

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- ◇ Public Comment:
 - ✖ Mr Gingerich (BPFED): Held 2 meeting, one on pumps and the other on chimney fires. There were 21 runs; 11 medical and 10 fire. 1 mutual-aid structure fire and one mutual-aid vehicle fire in Morley Stanwood. No calls in Goodwell Township. The department is actively looking for new members.
- ◇ Board Comments: NONE
- ◇ Jennifer motioned to adjourn, Rachel 2nd, passed. Meeting ended 7:50 pm.
- ◇ Next meetings:
 - ✖ Township meeting December 18th, 7pm
 - ✖ Planning meeting January 14th, 7pm