

Goodwell Minute Notes
Aug 31, 2022

- ◇ John T. called meeting to order 7:00 pm:
 - ✘ John T., Rachel B., Paul F., Bob B. and Jennifer W. present.
 - ✘ Public:
 - ≥ Jeremy Rusilowski
 - ≥ Tim Maxson – Planning Chair
 - ≥ Clint & Michelle Cook
 - ≥ Joe Wozniak
 - ≥ Roberta Landstra
 - ≥ Shayne Fifer
 - ≥ David Grveles
 - ✘ Pledge of Allegiance recited
- ◇ Email was sent out with minutes from July 27, 2022 meeting. Rachel motioned to accept the minutes, Bob 2nd, passed. Minutes posted to the township web site.
- ◇ Public Comment:
 - ✘ Tim asked about the need for 2 people to be added to planning board, which would make an even number. Discussed 5 (quorum of 3) vs. 7 (quorum of 5). Rachel motioned to have 7 person representation on planning board. Paul 2nd, passed. Planning appeals needs one member that is not board and not planning board. Planning board needs 3, Board of Review needs one member.
 - ✘ Planning board looking at modifying special permit ordinance, looking for public input. Also looking at secondary residence on property. Asked assessor Jackie about how taxed, it is vague. Will look at MT information. Some townships in the county do have something for this. Taking into consideration Vrbo, Bed and Breakfast, and homestead.
 - ✘ Tim also mentioned the process for election day is being worked on to streamline the end process. Currently there are 10 lists to work through and much is out of date. Jennifer worked with the county to review and get input.
 - ✘ Michele Cook is putting her name in for planning board
 - ✘ David Grveles is putting his name in for planning board
 - ✘ Will finish interviews in November. Based on the rate of pay, it looks better to have more so a larger quorum.
- ◇ Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of August 31, 2022:
 - ✘ Have \$216,545.09 total.
 - ✘ Payments were \$33,235.47. This includes transfer of \$6,100.00 from arpa funds to checking account for the excavation work in cemetery. Check to Michigan Chloride of \$6,687.91 for brining was largest check.
 - ✘ Revenue was \$21,473.49. This includes deposit of ARPA into checking for \$6,100.00.
 - ✘ Bob motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills, Paul 2nd, passed.
- ◇ Bob: **Zoning report**:
 - ✘ Zoning apps
 - ≥ Tim Maxson – lean to off pole barn
 - ≥ Cargill – small addition
 - ≥ Scott Fifer – replace porch
 - ✘ Land divisions:
 - ≥ Cetrone – Cottonwood – Needed to pay current property taxes before complete. Equalization OK
 - ✘ Is Don done with work in cemetery? Believe so, not paid yet.
- ◇ **Planning report: Tim**:
 - ✘ Done at time of public comment.
- ◇ Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**

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- ✘ Election: Moving along. Shed building is where clerk office is during election with clerk name on the ballot. Needs some electrical and insulation work. John will get bid. Also the plugs in the treasurer's office area need work. John will contact Scott Fifer.
- ✘ A web design company requested to be able to present at a township meeting. The consensus among the residents and the board is there is no funds for web design. Rachel handles the site.
- ◇ Old Business:
 - ✘ John will ask Joni about the box and the wood he still has on the property.
 - ✘ There were some trees taken down. Loosing trees where gypsy moths were hardest. From oak blight (trees not getting enough water). Will ask engineer if taking down any more.
- ◇ New Business:
 - ✘ Jessie Alonzo not able to attend meeting due to prior commitment. Asking Goodwell township to consider making a contribution using ARPA funds. It would go towards replacing all respiratory equipment. Bob motioned to give \$15,000 to the Big Prairie fire department from the arpa funds, and the balance of the arpa funds to go to Truestream. Jennifer 2nd, passed.
 - ✘ Road maintenance discussed. The process of stone chip does not handle water well. Montcalm took out a lot of pavement and now brines 4 times a year. Newaygo county can go to outside suppliers, but the township cannot. Clint will go with John and Newaygo County Road Commission in the spring to consider needs and options.
 - ✘ Jennifer will work with attorney to review the option of not maintaining a permanent absentee voter list.
- ◇ Bob motioned to adjourn, Jennifer 2nd, passed. Meeting ended 8:08
- ◇ Next meetings:
 - ✘ Township meeting September 28th, 7pm
 - ✘ Planning meeting November 2nd, 7pm