

Goodwell Minutes

August 27, 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
 - ⌚ Ryan Fast
 - ⌚ Sandra Wright
 - ⌚ Dave Grveles
 - ⌚ Jeremy Rusilowski
 - ⌚ Dylan Wimmer
 - ⌚ Christopher Gingerich
 - ⌚ Colleen Olson
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- ❖ Email was sent out with minutes from July 30, 2025. Rachel motioned to accept the minutes, Bob 2nd, passed. Minutes posted to the township website.
- ❖ Rachel: **Treasurer's report** as of Aug 27, 2025:
 - ❖ Have \$308,279.18 total. Payments were \$7,673.57. There were no large payments. Revenue was \$1,887.92. This included a new Heavy Equipment Rental check and the reimbursement for the new election computer. Bob motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented and pay bills. Greg 2nd, roll call, passed.
- ❖ **Public Comment:**
 - ❖ Alec: is on Tourist Counsel which is working to promote the tourism industry in Newaygo County, such as biking/hiking. He has a video commercial to show after the meeting that has views from Newaygo County that will be used as part of the promotion. The Counsel does not have an estimate of the revenue from tourism, but automotive is the biggest sector.
 - ❖ Christopher BPFD - 37 runs:
 - 27 medical – 22 in Big Prairie, 5 in Goodwell
 - 10 fire – 1 Grass fire in Goodwell, 1 patient lift assist to Big Rapids [they got the injured out using Rokons (2 wheel drive rescue bikes)].
 - Training was: 5 year Hardy Dam evacuation plan. There was a change made to the timing of notification to evacuate. 2nd training was learning about infant death syndrome and autism; how to identify, understanding their effects on community and having resources to aid in responding.
- ❖ Bob: **Zoning report:**
 - ❖ 1 land division 5 Mile and Elm, Katherine Moffett.
 - ❖ 4 zoning apps: 1) Ruth Slater – 4 Mile off Elm in woods, a pole barn. 2) Rita Burdet – a deck extension. 3) Joseph Eckart – 4 Mile, a pole barn. 4) Joni Kaufman, a 12 x 8 building.
- ❖ **Planning:**
 - ❖ No meeting.
- ❖ Jennifer: **Clerk's Report**
 - ❖ A request for an estimate for an ad in the Times Indicator was printed in error.
 - ❖ Audit – Working at getting 2 documents from a vendor for auditors. The vendor does not have information that matches what was auto-paid for 2 payments. Going fine overall.
 - ❖ Cemetery – Still working on the 2nd Cook transfer and there was another call regarding another site.
- ❖ **Old Business:**
 - ❖ We need more information on what it will mean for the Township to not have a clerk before we put an ad in the paper. Tim will work on getting the information.
- ❖ **New Business:**
 - ❖ The Fire Protection payment is due. We are working to document the process to determine the amount to be paid. There are 4 portions that are in the Fire Fund: Millage collection, bank account interest, PPT Reimbursement, and non-millage monies (such as the funds from the Fire CD). Also, there was \$2,000 from the General Fund put in to start the Fire Fund. Also, the bank account must have a base amount that remains in it so there are no fees to be paid. The fiscal year monies for the Fund start in September of the fiscal year (currently September 2025) but no payments actually are received until January of that fiscal year (currently January 2026). The monies are not completely received until September of the next fiscal year (currently September 2026). That is why payments are made in March and September for the fiscal year. Jennifer will document the process.

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- ❖ Greg voted to accept Shelley Cook's resignation from the Planning Board. Rachel 2nd. Bob voted no. Passed.
- ❖ Tim nominated Dave Grveles as replacement for Shelley's Planning Board position. Greg motioned to accept Dave's nomination, Bob 2nd, passed. The position is up for appointment in March, 2026.
- ❖ **Public Comment:**
 - ❖ None
- ❖ **Board Comments:** The unemployment insurance was not renewable (the company no longer can offer this insurance to townships) and the insurance broker worked out the insurance through the State. The application is set except for the amount of insurance desired. The difference is the amount of coverage, \$100,000 vs. \$1,000,000 and the cost is a difference of \$25. Greg motioned to accept the coverage of \$1,000,000. Bob 2nd, passed.
- ❖ Greg motioned to adjourn, Bob 2nd, passed. Meeting ended at 8:00 pm.
- ❖ Next meetings:
 - ❖ Township meeting September 24th, 7pm
 - ❖ Planning meeting October 14th, 7pm