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GOODLAND TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
January 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the Goodland Township Board was held at the Goodland Township Hall, located at 2374 N Van Dyke Rd, Imlay City, MI 48444; pursuant to notice duly posted.

Board Members Present: Ron Cischke, Mavis Roy, Lou Parsch, Matt Van Dyk, Bob Van Den Berg

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Jeffrey Ragle, Michael Bissett, Joe Duquette, and Amy Nolin

Supervisor Cischke called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. A moment of silence was held and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Motion 01-21-01TB

Motion by Parsch, seconded by Roy, to approve the agenda with the addition of Budget Amendments before the Payment of Bills in the Consent Agenda, and IX. New Business, D. Police Powers.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of 12/10/20—page 3 of 3, line 4, “...to appoint *the following to the Goodland Township Board of Review*, John Gilliland...”

Motion 01-21-02TB

Motion by Roy, seconded by Van Den Berg, to approve the following amendments to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year budget for the Goodland Township General Fund: increase line item 101445—Drains at Large by \$3020.00, decrease line item 101265—Township Hall Other by \$520, line item 101956—Building Authority Wages by \$500, and line item 101336701—Contingencies by \$2,000.

MOTION CARRIED, with a roll call vote: Van Dyk, yes; Roy, yes; Cischke, yes; Parsch, yes; and Van Den Berg, yes.

Motion 01-21-03TB

Motion by Roy, seconded by Parsch, to approve the Minutes of 12/10/20 as corrected, the Treasurer’s Report ending November 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020 as presented, Library Fund prior disbursements of \$1,749.73 (November) and \$2,186.42 (December), General Fund prior disbursements of \$791.10 (November) and \$4,656.70 (December), and Public Safety Fund prior disbursements of \$4,408.96 (December); Public Safety bills of \$2,078.69; Library Fund bills of \$1,857.61, and General Fund bills of \$23,633.90.

MOTION CARRIED, with a roll call vote: Roy, yes; Cischke, yes; Parsch, yes; Van Dyk, yes; and Van Den Berg, yes.

CORRESPONDENCE—received letter from Retirement fund about new services and their updated privacy policy. Also received letter from the Insurance Company about the resolution of the hail storm claim.

REPORTS

Fire Dept—4 runs since the last meeting. Working on getting a company for air pack service and meeting with DTE about charges for Van Dyke downed wires. James Judd has applied to the department. He served previously on the GTFD. He lives in Arcadia but would like to come back to this dept.

1 **Motion 01-21-04TB**

2 Motion by Van Den Berg, seconded by Parsch, to approve the hiring of James Judd to the Goodland
3 Township Fire Dept. He is already certified so will not need training and will join as a regular firefighter
4 (non-probationary).

5 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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7 PC—met with Atty. regarding the medical marijuana Zoning Ordinance amendment proposal. The will
8 have another meeting to discuss it on 1/21 and schedule a Public Hearing from there.

9 LCRC—did not receive the grant for Shaw Rd improvements due to COVID. Working on a bill for DTE
10 for repairs of Caldwell Rd from the downed wires on Van Dyke (detoured traffic damage) and updating
11 the bonding on haul routes. Cischke asked the Board to consider creating a committee to prioritize road
12 projects for the newly passed GT road millage funds.

13 CCA—1 permit was issued.

14 LCEMS—no report.

15 GT Library—no report.

16 School—insurance work should be finished within 2 weeks.

17 ZBA—no meeting to report.

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19 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

20 Blight—the Atty needs additional evidence or witnesses for proceeding against the stone cutter. He
21 estimates a cost of approx. \$2,000.

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23 **NEW BUSINESS**

24 Newsletter—Cischke can add a newsletter with the Tax Assessment Notices. He needs content submitted
25 within the next 30 days.

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27 Additional blight discussion was held. It was the consensus of the Board Members to issue a letter to
28 Sisson regarding items being dumped/buried at the pit on Blacks Corners Rd, as per the GT policy.
29 Neighbors are voicing concern about well safety.

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31 Poverty Exemptions—Public Act 253 would allow the GT Board of Review to grant poverty exemptions
32 for up to 3-years.

33 **Motion 01-21-05TB**

34 Motion by Parsch, seconded by Van Den Berg, to require that poverty exemptions are granted on a yearly
35 basis pursuant to MCL 211.7u(8). Grantees must reapply every year.

36 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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38 2021 Meeting Schedule

39 **Motion 01-21-06TB**

40 Motion by Parsch, seconded by Van Den Berg, to adopt the following meeting schedule for Goodland
41 Township Board, with all meetings being held at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted:

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43	Tues, Feb 9, 2021	Tues, July 13, 2021
44	Tues, Mar 9, 2021	Tues, Aug. 10, 2021
45	Tues, Apr 13, 2021	Tues, Sept. 14, 2021
46	Tues, May 11, 2021	Tues, Oct 12, 2021
47	Tues, June 8, 2021	Tues, Nov 9, 2021
48	Tues, June 22, 2021	Tues, Dec 7, 2021

49 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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51 The Board discussed their police powers and the idea of a Constable. No decisions were made regarding
52 this.

1 **Motion 01-21-06TB**

2 Motion by Parsch, seconded by Van Den Berg, to approve the return of any non-expended election grant
3 funds to CTCL, up to \$350.00.

4 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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6 Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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9 These minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

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14 Ron Cischke, Supervisor

Mavis Roy, Clerk

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19 Amy Nolin, Recording Secretary