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GOODLAND TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
April 6, 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: Michael Bissett, Todd & Joey Townley, Kris Aune, Mary Weemaes, Izzy Aune, Russ Adams, Joe Duquette, Larry Kohler, Jeffrey Ragle, Tom Lupo, Janie Lupo, Annette Adams, Ed & Helene Novy, and Amy Nolin,
Recording Secretary

Supervisor Cischke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A moment of silence was held, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Motion 04-21-01TB

Motion by Van Den Berg, seconded by Van Dyk, to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of a Firefighter application and moving the Medical Marijuana Caregiver Zoning Ordinance amendment to the end of the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 04-21-02TB

Motion by Parsch, seconded by Van Den Berg, to approve the minutes of 03/09/21 as presented, the Treasurer's Report ending March 31, 2021, Library Fund prior disbursements of \$3,048.38 and General Fund prior disbursements of \$29, 569.33; Public Safety bills of \$1,416.98; Library Fund bills of \$1,631.92, and General Fund bills of \$15,646.70.

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

CORRESPONDENCE—Cischke presented the Board of Review report.

PUBLIC TIME—the Board received comments regarding the proposed solar farm project and blight complaints.

REPORTS

Fire Dept—4 runs since the last meeting. The burn permit program will be replaced with a new app soon.

Motion 04-21-03TB

Motion by Parsch, seconded by Van Dyk, to approve the hiring of Darren Fallowfield as a Goodland Township Fire Dept probationary firefighter, contingent upon a successful background check.

MOTION CARRIED.

PC—held another Public Hearing about the Zoning Ordinance amendment to allow Medical Marijuana Caregivers as a Home Occupation.

LCRC—Crowe Rd drain needs to be fixed. It is estimated at a cost to the Twp. of approx. \$9,000. 50% will come from the County Bridge Fund. Two other projects were also presented. It was the consensus of the Board members to table any decisions to allow time for project review.

CCA—4 permits were issued.

1 LCEMS—LCEMS Director, Russ Adams, presented an AED for use by the Goodland Fire Dept. It will
2 remain property of LCEMS and they will service the unit. There were 7 medical runs in Goodland in the
3 last month.
4 GT Library—Adams thanked the Fire Dept. for plowing the parking lots. She also announced that in
5 conjunction with the Mid-Michigan Library Consortium, the GTL is able to offer via their website
6 Tutor.com services for students in Goodland Township. They have assistance and 1-on-1 tutoring
7 services available for no charge.
8 School—no activity to report.
9 ZBA—have a hearing scheduled on 4/15/21 at 7:00 p.m. for a height variance request.

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11 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

12 Blight—the stone cutter has not been cutting for about a month. The second drive has been reported to
13 the Rd Commission. A complaint was received about a property on Bowers Rd. Van Dyk & Van Den
14 Berg will visit the site and report to the Board.

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16 Election Grant—have until the end of July to spend the remaining funds. Another air scrubber was
17 suggested.

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19 Insurance Recovery Ordinance—the Board needs to have a policy regarding how to handle fire insurance
20 recovery monies. Parsch will check MTA’s website for samples

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22 **NEW BUSINESS**

23 Mining Inspections—Lupo inspected 3 pits. Clear Lake Rd (Mid-Michigan) all the buildings have been
24 removed from the property. No additional digging has been done. Summers Rd (Novak) has had a little
25 activity. Concrete blocks/scrap have been cleaned up and slope improvements have been made. Topsoil
26 has been brought in as well. Muck Rd (Van Dyk/Weber) has worked on slopes and banks. The site is
27 very well run. It was discussed that the Twp. needs a way to measure the amount of material removed.
28 The honor system doesn’t seem to be working. Rowe Engineering has a program to assist.

29 **MOTION 04-21-04TB**

30 Motion by Parsch, seconded by Roy, to re-issue the permit for Muck Rd (Van Dyk/Weber) and to further
31 investigate Clear Lake Rd and Summers Rd before approving their re-issue.

32 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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34 Planning Commission—Roger Roszczewski submitted his resignation. Several people have expressed
35 interest in serving.

36 **MOTION 04-21-05TB**

37 Motion by Parsch, seconded by Roy, to accept the resignation with regrets.

38 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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40 Professional Bids—have received bids from Rowe Engineering, Spicer Engineering and Davis Land
41 Surveying for pit inspections and engineering services.

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43 Stake Out Ordinance—Cischke and CCA are requesting the development of a Stake Out Ordinance for all
44 construction. Research and see if is already covered in existing ordinance and/or get samples for review.

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46 2021-2022 Budget—need to start working on the upcoming budget and schedule work sessions.

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48 Zoning Ordinance Amendment—the amendment was recommended for Township Board adoption by the
49 Planning Commission. This amendment would allow Medical Marijuana Caregivers to operate in
50 Goodland Township under Home Occupation. This is like many others being passed in the County. It is
51 based on Byron Township’s ordinance, which was upheld by the State Supreme Court. There was
52 discussion about the need for caregivers to sign a “Let It Burn” form for the GTFD.

1 **MOTION 04-21-06TB**

2 Motion by Parsch, seconded by Roy, to approve the Zoning Ordinance amendment allowing Medical
3 Marijuana caregivers to operate under a Home Occupation, as presented.

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

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7 Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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

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16 Ron Cischke, Supervisor

_____ Mavis Roy, Clerk

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20 Amy Nolin, Recording Secretary