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GOODLAND TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
September 7, 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: Larry Kohler, Mary Weemaes, George & Lynne Foltz, Douglas & Carol Montagne, Ron Holt, Judy Holt, Lloyd Ragatz, Terry Kohler, David & Mary Bieri, Ed Novy, Mr. Ragatz, Johnny Yousif, Joe Duquette, Jeff Ragle, Thomas Hoag, Cindy Grosskopf, Phil & Mary Starr, and Amy Nolin

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

AGENDA

Motion 09-21-01TB

Motion by Parsch, seconded by Roy, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 13, 2021, page 2, line 5-6, amended to read as follows, "...Exemption. *It was denied (parcel ID # 44-09-026-002-00) due to the incorrect application being submitted.*

Page 2, line 26, correct, "The Holtz, Ragatz..."

Page 2, line 41, correct to read, "...include Saturday *burials* on the list..."

Motion 09-21-02TB

Motion by Parsch, seconded by Van Den Berg, to approve the minutes of August 10, 2021 as corrected, the Treasurer's Report ending on August 31, 2021 as presented; Library Fund prior disbursements of \$1,394.43; General Fund prior disbursements of \$921.93; Public Safety Fund expenses of \$7,731.25; Library Fund expenses of \$1,753.71; and General Fund expenses of \$28,298.00.

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

CORRESPONDENCE—received notification of an upcoming electronics recycling event being held by Burnside Twp.

PUBLIC TIME—the Board received comments from the public.

Yousif Ag Exemption Request—during public time Mr. Yousif made a request for an Agricultural Exemption from building permits for the construction of a barn, a greenhouse and a well house for his agricultural hemp farm. He has an existing license from the State of Michigan and will be adding this property on the license after they are constructed. No crops will be grown this year. He needs the electrical permit from the Township to get increased electrical service and also to obtain Zoning Permits.

Motion 09-21-03TB

Motion by Van Den Berg, seconded by Parsch, to table any decisions until next month to allow for further research.

MOTION CARRIED.

1 Montagne Complaint—during public time the Montagnes explained that their neighbor, Mark Williams,
2 has constructed a barn that crosses the property line by approximately 20’ (barn building crosses 3
3 parcels). The property line does have a jog. CCA has been informed of the situation, but the Montagnes
4 are requesting immediate action of the barn being removed from their property.

5 **Motion 09-21-04TB**

6 Motion by Parsch, seconded by Roy, to notify Mr. Williams that he has 30 days to move the barn within
7 his own property.

8 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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10 **REPORTS**

11 Fire Dept.—Chief Bissett has decided to retire. A retirement dinner in his honor will be held in the Fire
12 Hall on December 17, 2021.

13 PC—a meeting is scheduled for 9/23/21 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a Home Occupation application.

14 ZBA—no meeting to report.

15 LCRC—discussion regarding remaining allocations and bids submitted, including dust control, and brush
16 axing.

17 **Motion 09-21-05TB**

18 Motion by Parsch, seconded by Van Den Berg, to approve an additional application for dust control, at a
19 cost not to exceed \$18,563 and taking as much as possible from the annual allocations.

20 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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22 CCA—1 new home construction permit was issued.

23 LCEMS—Working on getting bids for new insurer

24 GT Library—no report was received.

25 School Project—need to have complete specs available to get proper bids.

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27 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

28 Blight—Bowers Rd property has had some clean up progress. CCA submitted a report regarding the
29 dangerous building on the Vlieg property on Van Dyke. A new roof has been installed and the building is
30 being converted to storage. It was the consensus of the Board members present to take no further action.
31 CCA issued a ticket to the property owner on Cedar Dr. The lawn has been mowed.

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33 Pit/Excavation Inspections—a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with Rowe Engineering to discuss the
34 scope of work. Mr. Holt appeared before the Board to discuss his pit on Blacks Corners Rd, which was in
35 existence prior to the adoption of Ord. 801, Earthen Material Removal Ordinance. He has an offer to
36 purchase the property but needs to iron out some issues. He explained that the prospective buyers will
37 have minimal equipment on the property and that any processing would occur at another location. Mr.
38 Holt requested written documentation that the property would be allowed to continue as a pit. He
39 understands that only the existing footprint of 14 of the 40 acres could be used. The remaining property
40 could be considered, but would need to follow the requirements of 801, as amended.

41 **Motion 09-21-06TB**

42 Motion by Parsch, seconded by Van Dyk, to draft a letter to allow continued excavation on 14 of the 40
43 acres, in the existing footprint. Additional excavation would need not to infringe on the property lines
44 and maintain a 40’ setback. Excavation on the remaining acres (26) of the total 40-acre parcel would be
45 pursuant to Ord. 801 as amended.

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

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49 Martin Rd Streetlight—no further communication has been received regarding the placement of a light at
50 the Van Dyke/Martin Rd intersection.

1 Bowers Rd driveway tube—the property owners have not paid for the tube installation. It can be removed
2 by the LCRC, for an additional cost. Other options would possibly be taking them to Small Claims Court
3 or issuing them a 1099 for the value.
4 Fee Schedule—discussion was held regarding fee changes needed.

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6 **NEW BUSINESS**

7 Poverty Exemption—new rules have been received.

8 **Motion 09-21-07TB**

9 Motion by Parsch, seconded by Roy, to add State of Michigan, Department of Treasury, Bulletin 3 of
10 2021 to the Property Tax Exemption due to Poverty.

11 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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13 Parking Lot Maintenance—2 bids were received (additional were requested, only 2 replied). Currier bid
14 \$1900 for crack fill of 3,000 lineal feet and Astec bid \$3200 for 4,000 lineal feet. Continuing to have
15 problems with the lights. Need to get bids on converting them to LED.

16 **Motion 09-21-08TB**

17 Motion by Parsch, seconded by Roy, to accept the bid by Currier to fill the parking lot cracks at a cost not
18 to exceed \$1,900.

19 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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21 The next Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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23 Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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

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31 Ron Cischke, Supervisor

Mavis Roy, Clerk

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36 Amy Nolin, Recording Secretary