

GOODLAND TOWN COUNCIL

January 20, 2025

THOSE PRESENT: Kase LaReau, Clinton Gravesen, Ryan Morris, Tom Mattox, Bill Babcock, Dillon Hall, John Schwartz, Jake Rudisill, Julie Gravesen, Mirahida Kindig, Gary Rheude, Jordan Rudisill, Jamie Schermann, Brent Schermann, Dan Rausch, Jim Butler, Heather Hollingsworth, Jud Barce

UBO HEARINGS

129 W Prairie Street Attorney Kody Spear was present. He stated that the porch and roof has been repaired, John Schwartz stated that the porch is not done that the screens still need repaired. Mr. Spear stated that an eviction notice has been placed with the Newton County Court and is waiting on a date and also filed paperwork to claim ownership. Mr. Spear asked for a 30-day extension. Jim made a motion to continue in 30 days February 17, 2025, at 7:00pm 2nd by Gary.

321 S James Street, no one was present. Property was sold on December 20, 2025, to HM Properties Manuel Moran. John Schwartz stated the newer owners have been working on it. Jim made a motion to continue in 30 days February 17, 2025, 2nd by Jake.

109 W North Street, owner was not present. Jim made a motion to oppose a fine for \$2,500.00 2nd by Gary. Continue in 30 days February 17, 2025.

Regular Town Board Meeting

Council member Gary Rheude made a motion to waive the minutes of the meeting and was 2nd by Jake Rudisill. Unanimous. Gary made motion 2nd by Jake Jim Butler as President, Newspaper Newton Co Enterprise, Attorney Barce & Redlin, bank First Financial, Building Inspector John Schwartz. Gary made a motion 2nd by Jake Unanimous.

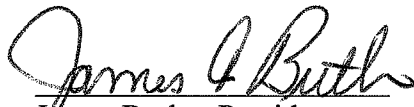
Old Business

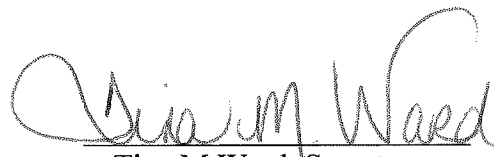
Gary made motion 2nd by Jake for disconnect list. There will be no shut off done because of the below freezing temperatures and snow.

New Business

1. Building inspector – John had nothing new.
2. Financial Report – Tina had 2025 salary ordinance that need amended because the Fire Chief and Building Inspector salaries do not get changed on the new salary ordinance. Jim made motion 2nd by Gary. Unanimous.
3. Fire Department Report – Ryan Morris stated that they had 2 fire, 3 Ems and 4 mutual aid. Ryan stated that in 2024 they had a total of 225 calls. The Fire Department has received new radios. The Union Township Fire Contract for 2025 was presented. The council did not sign it they want Clerk to go back and ask Union Township for at least a 25% increase.
4. Police Department Report – Dillon stated 30 calls 5 handled by county and 8 handled by Goodland. Dillon handled 2 and the deputies handled 6. 2 warning tickets were issued.
5. Street and Water Dept.- Sent Ken Smith the list of roads to be paved for the January CCMG application. Repaired and set a new meter pit in at 623 S Newton, when the weather allows, we will be flushing hydrants.
6. Sewer Department – Finally had enough ditch flow to discharge from the lagoons, Maulhaupts will be repairing a door at the WWTP. Still obtaining quotes for boring the sewer line at the Foster Park buildings. Dustin has given Wiseman Tree Service the ok to proceed with the tree removal located near the pond property and the ditch cleanup by the water tower and the ditch on South Newton Street.

7. Jamie Schermann was present and discussed a Reserve Officer that was working for the Town of Goodland (not paid position) on 09/06/2024. Ms. Schermann stated that Reserve Officer Brandon Denton has lied to DCS had police misconduct and she wants the board to understand that she is suing. According to Ms. Schermann, supposedly the Newton County Prosecutor seen through all these charges that she was charged with and has dropped all charges against Ms. Schermann. Officer has been put on administrative leave. Jim Butler asked if Mr. Denton was wearing a body camera at the time and Ms. Schermann stated that she was the video that was captured. Mr. Butler would like a copy of this, and Ms. Schermann said she would get him a copy. Discussion followed.
8. Leak credits for Bradley Showalter, David Chevette, and Sergio Reyes were all approved. Jim made a motion 2nd by Jake. Unanimous.
9. Attorney's Report – Jud had the agreement with Gold Torch Solar that he gave council to look over. This would have to go in front of the BZA, Planning Commission, then back to council. The council will look over the agreement at a later date.
10. Mirahida Kindig spoke about how she will be announcing Pickleball starting February 2025 / May 2025. This will be put on the Town's Facebook page. Also, the Library is looking for crafters anyone interested should contact the Library Director.
11. Jim made a motion 2nd by Jake for Evan Kindig to be appointed to the Newton County Economic Development Committee for Goodland.
12. Heather Hollingsworth the new President for the Goodland Athletic Association was present to introduce herself. She had a couple of questions for the board. Wanted to know if the Town would be willing to help financially with weed control, the council tabled this matter. Security Light by the concession stand building is not working. She was told that either the Town guys would look at this or they would get in contact with Newton County REMC to get this light fixed.
13. With the Agenda matters concluded, the Council began signing claims and then Jim adjourned the meeting and Gary 2nd Unanimous.


James Butler, President


Tina M Ward, Secretary