

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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December 15, 2015

APPROVED

Members Present: Supervisor – Cory Nelson, Clerk – Jennifer Badgero,
Treasurer – Christina Haynor, Trustee – Mike Bouwer, Trustee – Kim Roehrig

Members Absent: None

A regular meeting of the Brooks Township Board was held on the above date at the Brooks Township Hall. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Cory Nelson.

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA: Supervisor Nelson asked for additions or corrections to the agenda.
Moved by Roehrig, **Seconded** by Haynor to accept the agenda as presented.
Approved Unanimously

MINUTES:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Roehrig to accept the minutes of the Regular
November 17, 2015 Township Board Meeting as written.
Approved Unanimously

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Haynor to pay the bills as presented.
Approved Unanimously

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented.

**GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$810,796.86, Receipts \$68,908.49, Disbursements \$75,427.13,
Ending Balance \$804,278.22.**

**PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$9,089.60, Disbursements \$9,089.60,
Ending Balance \$.00.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Bouwer reported the PC is still working on a Conditional Zoning Request to allow a pole barn used by Wisner's for storage in a residential area. This will be discussed again this month at the PC. If the PC approves the Conditional Zoning Request, it will go to the Township Board for their approval.

The PC will have a public hearing this month on signs in the Commercial District and dwelling standards regarding the square footage allowed in residential homes. There will also be a site plan review this month.

Zoning Administrator: (See attached) Compared to last year there have been more zoning compliance permits issued so far this year.

Fire Board Report: Badgero said the Fire Board has not met since the last township board meeting. There are continued discussions on a contract with Garfield township. The Board will have their next meeting on February 10.

Newaygo Community District Library: Sharon Haege reported that there is a new teen and tween program that is going well. 2 temporary staff members have been hired. They are working on grants from the Council of Arts & Affairs. The rotating position on the board is now the responsibility of Brooks Township. Roehrig expressed interest. **Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Nelson to appoint Roehrig to the Library Board. Approved Unanimously.

The embezzling investigation is still ongoing.

Coolbough Management Commission: Haynor reported the Eastern Boundary survey had been completed. It appears as though 43 trees were removed from the Schultz property. Nelson is working on a settlement offer

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Next meeting is January 12.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero said there was no meeting this month. The rec plan update will be discussed in January.

County Commissioner: Larry Lethorn said they are conducting interviews for a County Administrator on December 22 at 9:30 am. They are interviewing 2 out of 16 applicants.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. COLA litigation (closed session).

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Roehrig to close the regular meeting and open a closed session meeting.

Approved Unanimously

Moved by Badgero, **Seconded** by Haynor to close the closed session and open the regular meeting.

Approved Unanimously

Moved by Roehrig, **Seconded** by Bouwer to accept the minutes of the closed session of December 15, 2015 Township Board Meeting as written.

Approved Unanimously

Moved by Bouwer, **Seconded** by Nelson to authorize Haynor to work with the attorney on a possible settlement agreement on the COLA litigation

Approved Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Comments received

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Roehrig to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Approved Unanimously

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk