

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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March 15, 2016

APPROVED

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

**Members Absent:** Trustee – Kim Roehrig

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 Badgero, **Seconded** by Bouwer to accept the agenda as amended.

Approved Unanimously

**BUDGET HEARING:** Moved by Haynor, Seconded by Bouwer to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Approved Unanimously

2016-17 budget was presented, no questions or comments

Moved by Haynor, Seconded by Nelson to close the public hearing and re-open the regular meeting. Approved Unanimously

**MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to accept the minutes of the Regular February 16, 2016 and Special March 1, 2016 Township Board Meeting as written.

Approved Unanimously

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

**Moved** by Badgero, **Seconded** by Nelson to pay the bills as presented.

Approved Unanimously

**TREASURER'S REPORT: (attached)**

**Received and Accepted Treasurer's Report as presented.**

**GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$802,484.08, Receipts \$115,124.08, Disbursements \$7,399.58, Ending Balance \$910,208.58.**

**PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$ .00, Receipts \$9,630.53, Disbursements \$9,630.53, Ending Balance \$ .00.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission:** Bouwer reported the PC is working on outdoor heating units in regards to wood shed sizes and they are discussing the OSDS ordinance.

**Zoning Administrator: (See attached)**

**Fire Board Report:** Badgero said the monthly report has been emailed and the budget was approved at the last meeting. They are still negotiating a service contract with Garfield Township.

**Newaygo Community District Library:** They hadn't met since our last meeting

**Coolbough Management Commission:** Haynor said the next meeting is Wednesday May 11

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority:** Haynor reported things are running well. The residents of the law suit are required to be hooked up by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority:** Badgero said there was not a quorum for the meeting and are working on updating the rec plan by the end of this year.

**County Commissioner:** Larry Lethorn reported they had 15 candidates for the county administrator position. The next meeting is March 25The commission on aging is putting a millage renewal on the August ballot. There was a public hearing on February 23<sup>rd</sup> on putting chemicals in the lakes. The speaker was Dr. Jude, a fishery biologist from the University of Michigan. It was very well attended.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Planning Commission Appointments: Moved** by Nelson, **Seconded** by Haynor to appoint Pat Baker and Matt Arthur to the planning commission. Discussion on if the candidates were interviewed and discussed citizen planner courses. Nelson stated no interviews were conducted.

Ayes – Nelson, Bouwer

Nays – Badgero, Haynor

Motion failed.

Nelson reported he would leave the positions vacant and bring the same candidate up for appointment until they were approved. Continued discussion on the citizen planner courses. Moved by Badgero, Seconded by Nelson to appoint Matt Arthur and Pat Baker to the planning commission provided they are willing to take the citizen planner course and complete it in one year. If they do not, they will be removed at such time.

Ayes – All

Nays – None

Approved Unanimously

**2. WRTIFA budget:** Budget presented from WRTIFA board

**Moved** by Bouwer, **Seconded** by Nelson to approve the WRTIFA budget.

Ayes – All

Nays - None

Approved Unanimously

**3. Fire Department Budget:** Badgero said the fireboard had approved the budget. It now needs to be approved by the township and the City of Newaygo.

**Moved** by Badgero, **Seconded** by Haynor to approve the fire department budget.

Ayes – All

Nays - None

Approved Unanimously

**4. Resolution 2016-323 Township Board Budget:** Public Hearing has been held.

**Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Nelson to approve Resolution 2016-323 Budget.

Ayes – All

Nays - None

Approved Unanimously

**5. Resolution 2016-324 General Appropriations:** resolution presented

**Moved** by Nelson, **Seconded** by Haynor to approve Resolution 2016-324 General Appropriations.

Ayes – All

Nays - None

Approved Unanimously

**6. Resolution 2016-325 Annual Resolution:** resolution presented

**Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Nelson to approve Resolution 2016-325 Annual Resolution.

Ayes – All

Nays - None

Approved Unanimously

7. **Budget Amendments 2015-2016:** Badgero said there were a couple of amendments to make to the current year budget.

**Moved** by Badgero, **Seconded** by Haynor to increase Roads(4469300) by \$27,000 and Coolbough (7519300) by \$4,000, to come from savings.

Ayes – All

Nays - None

Approved Unanimously

**8. COLA ordinance amendment:** The COLA board sent an ordinance amendment for our approval. It pertains to late fees and how they are to be assessed and collect. Haynor reported it was vague and would like additional information. We will discuss when they return an updated version to us.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments received.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved** by Nelson, **Seconded** by Bouwer to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Approved Unanimously

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Jennifer Badgero – Clerk