

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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August 18, 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 7:02 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 presented.

Approved Unanimously

MINUTES:

Moved by Roehrig, **Seconded** by Nelson to accept the minutes of the Regular July 21, 2015 Township Board Meeting.

Approved Unanimously

We have not received the minutes from the Special meeting of June 15, 2015 with Croton Township as yet.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

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

Approved Unanimously

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented.

GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$928,873.01, Receipts \$150,469.64,

Disbursements \$216,698.00, Ending Balance \$862,644.66.

PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$9,658.48, Disbursements \$9,658.48,

Ending Balance \$.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Boucher reported the PC has worked on a few changes in the Camping Ordinance and also allowing repairs or replacement done to sea walls as long as it isn't bigger than the original sea wall. The PC will be working on the fence ordinance and structures in the Lake District next Monday. The sign ordinance will be discussed as to what we will allow in the Residential and Commercial Districts.

Zoning Administrator: (See attached)

Fire Board Report: Badgero said as of last Wednesday's meeting they have not heard from Garfield. They expected a representative from Garfield to be at the meeting but there wasn't any. Garfield is out of contract at this time.

The firemen responded to 12 - 14 calls in the past three days with four of them being in Garfield. The Fire Board will purchase new air packs at a cost of \$138,000 for the firemen. These are being ordered six months ahead.

Newaygo Community District Library: Sharon Haege reported there were 600 children that participated in the summer reading program. The new director has been busy writing grants for programming. She received a grant from Michigan Humanities Council for 2015-16 for a featured book which is Station Eleven written by Emily Mandel. It is geared for young adults to senior citizens.

The library will be having free technology sessions on Tuesdays for residents to work with a tech savvy person one on one for 15 minute sessions. You can bring in your own computer or I Pad or use the libraries. They will be doing this for the next four months. You need to come into the library to sign up for a session. If someone isn't signed up after you, then you can stay longer if you wish. This will start next Tuesday, August 25.

Coolbough Management Commission: Haynor said they met last Wednesday. The signs listing the different plants and trees haven't been done yet. There is an Americorp group of people working for two weeks at Coolbough and two weeks at the Nature Conservancy.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Haynor said things are going well. The flow is normal for this time of year.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero said they met last week and talked about doing some sort of interpretative signs along the trail. They are thinking of having a main sign at the beginning of the trail in Marshall Park listing the plants and having numbers that would coordinate with that on the trail.

The upper soccer field will not be used this fall but will be in the spring. Lining the tennis court will take place this month.

County Commissioner: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. FOIA Policies:** This will be tabled until next month.
- 2. WRTIFA Ordinance:** Another public hearing will be scheduled with Croton Township. There was a minor issue with notification of the last meeting so another one will be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recycling for Newaygo County: Haynor reported the Supervisor for Recycling, Linda Ritz White met with Haynor. Linda said recycling is not doing well financially. They have quite a few stations but don't get the financial support needed from area townships to help keep it going. Brooks Township contributes the most, the City and Garfield contribute. Most of them are in the \$100s of dollars. It cost \$12,740 a year to maintain the site here at Brooks. Brooks Township contributes \$4,500. They get \$1,500 from the City of Newaygo and private donations are \$2,200. They get about \$8,200 out of the \$12,000 they need to run this site. They aren't getting enough to run our site even.

The Recycling Center would like to ask the Newaygo County Commissions to put at \$15 to \$20 county wide charge on our tax bills. They would need support from the townships if they would even consider it. A state law allows townships to put this type of charge on the tax bills. Recycling would just like the townships to let the county know they support it. However, they can opt out. But if they don't get support Recycling will have to close centers for lack of funds.

There was discussion as to how to help with this.

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Nelson to increase funding for recycling by \$4,500, which is what it costs them for the Brooks Township Recycle Site. That would make the total Brooks Township funding \$9,000 and bring total funding to \$12,740.
Approved Unanimously

2. ZBA Member: Haynor has been on the ZBA for a number of years.
Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Nelson to appoint Kim Roehrig to replace Haynor on the ZBA.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received regarding signs, Township office hours, and Hess and Brooks Lake Sewer proposal and Pathway. The people using the river are behaving much better.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Roehrig asked to have the pine tree in the corner of the township lot trimmed so cars have a better view pulling out on Quarterline.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Nelson to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.
Approved Unanimously

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk

Maureen Dutkiewicz – Recording Secretary