

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

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DECEMBER 17, 2019

**DRAFT**

**Members Present:** Supervisor - Cory Nelson, Clerk - Jennifer Badgero, Treasurer - Christina Haynor, Trustee – Ryan Schultz

**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 Nelson. Pledge of Allegiance

**AGENDA:** Supervisor Nelson asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. **Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Badgero to accept the Agenda with the addition of 3R to New Business. **Approved Unanimously**

**MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Schultz, to accept the minutes of regular meeting held on November 19, 2019 and the special meeting held 12/9/19. **Approved Unanimously**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

**Moved** by Badgero, **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 \$884,442.39 Receipts \$72,628.88, Disbursements \$25,156.37, Ending Balance \$931,914.90**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments received

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission** – Schultz reported that discussion primarily involved Public Hearings for Ottawa Point PUD Amendments and revocation of SLU for Muskegon River Lodge. Ottawa Point PUD was tabled for a future meeting and SLU revocation was passed.

**Zoning Administrator:** November report submitted. No questions/comments

**Fire Board Report:** Hummel reported no meeting was held.

**Coolbough Management Commission** – Per Haynor, no meetings are scheduled until February.

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority:** Nelson reported no meeting held.

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority:** Badgero reported no meeting held

**Library:** No report was submitted.

**County Commissioner:** Commissioner Ken De Laat reported the following:

- Auditors left the day before and things are looking good

- Michigan Works office has moved and an open house is scheduled for 12/18/19. Newaygo county unemployment rate is currently at 3.3 which is below both the State and National average.
- The Dragon Trail is progressing well
- Medical Marijuana - LARA awards funding to counties based on the number of medical marijuana card holders. Currently, Newaygo county has 712 cardholders.
- Upgrades for cyber security are being evaluated.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1) Board Appointments – The following appointments were made:

Hess Lake Board – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to appoint Bart Calvi to the Hess Lake Board. **Approved Unanimously**

Planning Commission – **Moved** by Schultz, **seconded** by Nelson to appoint Mark Guzniczak to the Planning Commission Board. **Approved Unanimously**

ZBA – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Haynor to appoint Greg Myers to the ZBA. **Approved Unanimously**

**Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Haynor to appoint Derrick McCloud to fill the second ZBA vacancy. **Approved Unanimously.**

Library Board – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Haynor to appoint Sharon Haege to fill Marcelo’s vacancy through 2022. **Approved Unanimously**

**Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to appoint Julie Vitale through 2020. **Approved Unanimously**

COLA – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Haynor to appoint Tom Postema to replace Jim Dutkiewicz, beginning March, 2020. **Approved Unanimously**

NCRA – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to reappoint Jennifer Badgero and Kim Goodin.

**Approved Unanimously**

**Motion** to appoint Adam Chase as Trustee failed 2-2

**Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Badgero to appoint Carl Fredrickson as Trustee through 2020.

**Motion Carried** 3-1 (Schultz opposed)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) 3R – An email was received by 3R with proposed changes to their lease agreement. **Moved** by Haynor **seconded** by Badgero to accept the lease contract with proposed changes. **Unanimously Approved**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments received

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Discussion was raised about proposed lane/street changes to downtown areas by MDOT. There was concern that proposed changes will limit ability of emergency vehicles to maneuver if proposed changes occur. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend meetings and voice their opinion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved** by Badgero, **seconded** by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. **Approved Unanimously**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk \_\_\_\_\_