

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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February 16, 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 Haynor to accept the agenda as presented.

Approved Unanimously

MINUTES:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Bouwer to accept the minutes of the Regular January 19, 2016 Township Board Meeting as written.

Approved Unanimously

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Moved by Nelson, **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 \$802,484.08, Receipts \$116,885.13, Disbursements \$31,374.70,
Ending Balance \$887,994.51.**

**PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$9,552.07, Disbursements \$9,552.07,
Ending Balance \$.00.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Bower said the PC is working on outdoor heating units. Rachel Wisner withdrew her request for Conditional Zoning. It was decided last month not to take action on lot size in the Commercial District.

Zoning Administrator: (See attached)

Fire Board Report: The fire board passed its budget. They have extended the agreement with Garfield until June 30, 2016.

Newaygo Community District Library: Sharon Haege reported they have had six more pre-kindergarteners sign up for the 1000 books read before kindergarten. The Tween Program had 12 kids attend. They bring their favorite book and share why they liked it. They also made snow globes. They still have a teen advisory board. They had a Valentine's Party on February 13. Thirteen teens signed up for the Teen Bingo Reading Program. The adult program has thirteen adults join Bingo Bonanza Winter Reading Program. They are starting a teen's writer's club and a junior from the high school will facilitate the group. There is also an adult coloring club. Book circulation is up to 2,717 books.

The Library Director, Christina Golm, has resigned. She has accepted a job at the Patmos Library in Jamestown beginning on March 17. Kellie Tinkham will be the interim director. Personnel Committee is Kim Roehrig, Dave Chambers and Angie Chase. Dave Chambers will head the process of finding a new director.

Coolbough Management Commission: The next meeting will be in May.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Haynor said it is going smoothly. They have not had any freezing but the weather has been a lot better this year. The next meeting will be in March.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: No meeting in February.

County Commissioner: Larry Lethorn said the Mental Health Board has four positions opening. The term is for three years and begins March 31. Applications and resume should be turned in to the County Clerk by February 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Lethorn said that the grant from CGAP for a joint morgue with Mecosta and Osceola Counties is working well. It opened on August 15 and from that date to January there has been twenty-two (22) autopsies for Newaygo County, eight (8) for Mecosta and one (1) for Osceola County. They have had other counties interested in using this morgue.

The treasurer's office has a new Public Record Data (PRD). The old one is no longer supported by BS&A. PRD is offering a new system called Access My Government Internet Services as a replacement and they will put it in at no cost. However, there is a cost of \$2.00 for look up unless it's for your own information regarding taxes, property description, etc. then there is no cost.

There is a collaborative with Mason and Oceana Counties with the 911 service. There were some mistakes in the specs and we are in the process of rebidding that out. They have also been contacted by Mecosta and Osceola Counties to become part of the collaborative with us. That would help with redundancy and lots of back up if this goes through. An amendment has been sent in as this was a CGAP Grant and has to be approved by the State.

Newaygo County Emergency Services was awarded the Michigan Resuscitation Community Award. There is only 30 counties in the state that were given this award. It is a big thank you to Abbie Watson. They are doing training for instructors, making sure dispatcher and law enforcement, EMS are all getting advanced CPR. They are developing a registry to show where the Automated Emergency Defibrillators (AED) are located within the county, making sure they are inspected and batteries are updated.

Hiring Solutions, the company who is working on the replacement of the County Administrator, has had 39 applications. They are in the process of screening those. The first week in March they will meet with the search committee to go through applicants they feel would be good for the county.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board of Review Appointment: Ryan Pendergast has volunteered to be a full time member and Don Cornell volunteered to be the alternate.

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to appoint Pendergast to the Board of Review and Cornell as Alternate.

Approved Unanimously

2. COLA Litigation:

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Haynor to close the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m. AIF

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to go into closed session.

Roll Call: Ayes - Nelson, Badgero, Haynor, Bouwer

Nays - None

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to reopen the regular meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes – Badgero, Haynor, Bouwer, Nelson

Nays – None

Moved by Badgero, **Seconded** by Nelson to appoint Haynor to continue negotiations regarding COLA Litigation.

Approved Unanimously

3. NPS – Dr. Peg Mathis: Dr. Mathis presented the proposal regarding school renovation and demolition of the Vera Wilsie School. This will be on the May election. Information can also be found on the Newaygo Public Schools website.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Nelson to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.
Approved Unanimously

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk

Maureen Dutkiewicz – Recording Secretary