

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD
NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337
(231) 652-6763
February 18, 2020
APPROVED

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

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 Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to combine New Business items 3 and 4; no other changes. **Approved Unanimously**

MINUTES:

Moved by Haynor, **seconded** by Schultz, to accept the minutes of regular meeting held on December 17, 2019. **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 \$924,213.49 Receipts \$118,873.09, Disbursements \$166,223.10, Ending Balance \$876,863.48

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Schultz reported that discussion primarily involved short rentals/VRBO properties and Junk and Blight/vacant abandoned buildings. Decision was made to take no action on short term rentals.

Zoning Administrator: February report submitted. No questions/comments

Fire Board Report: Hummel reported no meeting was held.

Coolbough Management Commission – Per Haynor, no meeting was held, however, a report was received concerning dogs without leashes in Coolbough.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Nelson reported the next meeting is in March and budget discussion will be on the agenda.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero reported no meeting held

Library: No report was received.

County Commissioner: Commissioner Ken DeLaat reported the following:

- The Governor released supplemental funding, previously held back for road patrol

- The tech center is working on campground cabins for Big Prairie and Fremont townships
- The jail is well populated with an average of 322 inmates
- Michigan works reports that Newaygo is tied with Osceola County for the lowest unemployment rates in the state at 3.8%. There are currently 884 unemployed individuals in Newaygo.
- A finance meeting is scheduled for 2/19/20.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) County Clerk – Jason Vanderstelt provided updates on Election Inspector Training. This year they have added a special training for high school age students based on a suggestion made by Jennifer Badgero. Also, his office has been updated to add fire proofing and security which allows only staff into his office and protects all records. Additionally, a new surveyor, Joe Dorland has been appointed. Jason also responded to questions regarding certification (or lack of) to run an election.
- 2) Resolution – Amendment sanctuary – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to accept the amendment. **Unanimously approved**
- 3) Ordinance – Junk/Blight (amendment) – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to adopt the Amendment with a change to section 8, Pg 5, "Responsibility of Violations" to read 60 days to correct a violation with possibility of extension. Pg 2, #9, is to be deleted with numbering adjusted. **Unanimously approved.**
- 4) Ordinance – Abandoned/vacant buildings - Combined with Item #3 above.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Comments received.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Fredriksen to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. **Approved Unanimously**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk _____