

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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March 24, 2015

APPROVED

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

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 Bower to accept the minutes of the Regular
February 17, 2015 Township Board Meeting and Special Meeting of January 27, 2015
as presented.
Approved Unanimously

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Moved by Haynor, **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 \$956,447.80, Receipts \$24,890.80, Disbursements \$12,676.31,
Ending Balance \$968,662.29.**

**PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$9,235.66, Disbursements \$9,235.66,
Ending Balance \$.00.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: At last night's PC meeting they worked on language changes regarding pergolas and gazebos in the Lake District, General Sign Provision language in the Commercial District, River Tributary District and Lake District removing 'overlay' from all areas, and deleting the County Zoning Commission from our ordinance as it has disbanded. There will be a public hearing next month.

The PC is making the sign provision match more closely with Garfield and the City of Newaygo where commercial signs can only be placed on the specific property it pertains to. This does not pertain to non-profit or political signs.

Zoning Administrator: (See attached) Compliance permits are starting to pick up.

Fire Board Report: The Fire Board is working on a cost per run amount. Garfield has signed a contract with the Fire Board through June 30. They haven't heard anything from them lately. After the cost per run is established for cost recovery there will be a meeting of the board to approve it. The next meeting is May 13.

Newaygo Community District Library: The new director is there and everything is working nicely.

Coolbough Management Commission: Haynor said there will be a pine plantation clearing of every third row. The pines will be bid out to the forestry. Pulp from pine is selling now. There will be burnings in coordination with the Forest Service this summer.

Grading of the parking area was discussed. The next meeting is May 13.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Haynor said the 2015 budget was approved. There was some freezing of lines again due to the extremely cold weather. It was seven or eight homes from the house to the main line. Any repeat spots will be looked at and those areas will be fixed.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero said the budget will be presented for the Township Board approval tonight. This was the first year they allowed hockey and it went well. The kids helped with maintenance. There were specific hours for hockey.

County Commissioner: Larry Lethorn reported that Newaygo County Clerk Laurie Breuker will be retiring. There will be an open house on April 30 between 2 -4 p.m. at the Administration Building.

The 911 tower is up and functioning. It is also for Oceana and Mason Counties. The microwave connection is being worked on. When it is all connected then the training will be done. The 911 tower is for calls coming in and going out. There is a meeting April 1. They hope to have it up and running this summer. There are three or four months of training before it is operational.

The morgue is moving right along and possibly going operational in 4-6 weeks. There is interest from surrounding areas.

The Task Force will be in operation again this summer. They are applying for a Grant from Consumers Energy Foundation for \$10,000 over two years. He thanked the township for their support in funding the Task Force.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Board Appointments:

Road Committee: Nelson said there are three members to be appointed. He has applications from Mitch George, Kenny Page Jr., and Board member Mike Bouwer.

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Haynor to appoint these three individuals to the Brooks Township Road Committee.
Approved Unanimously

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Moved by Bouwer, **Seconded** by Haynor to reappoint Frank Janusz, Mark Pitzer, Dave Warren, Chris Haynor and alternate Ron Jensen to the ZBA.
Approved Unanimously

Planning Commission:

Moved by Bouwer, **Seconded** by Haynor to reappoint Mark Pitzer to the Planning Commission.
Approved Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NCRA Budget: Badgero said the budget is based on population and school district. Brooks has the largest portion because it is the largest. Croton only has a portion of the school district. Estimated revenues are \$33,946.65 and total Appropriations are \$49,075.00
There was discussion on the budget.

Moved by Bouwer, **Seconded** by Haynor to approve the NCRA Budget
Approved Unanimously

Badgero said there was a well drilled last fall so sprinklers will be running this year on the grass at the soccer fields. The only cost will be the electric to use the sprinklers and no water bill. The well was paid for by TIFA. They would like to resurface the tennis courts this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Bouwer to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.
Approved Unanimously

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk

Maureen Dutkiewicz – Recording Secretary