

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD
NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337
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July 19, 2016
APPROVED

Members Present: Supervisor – Cory Nelson, Clerk – Jennifer Badgero,
Trustee – Mike Bouwer, Trustee – Kim Roehrig

Members Absent: Treasurer – Christina Haynor

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 Bouwer to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of Outdoor Heating Units under Old Business.
Approved Unanimously

MINUTES:

Moved by Roehrig, **Seconded** by Badgero to accept the minutes of the Regular June 21, 2016 Township Board Meeting as written.
Approved Unanimously

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Roehrig to pay the bills as presented.
Approved Unanimously

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented.
GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$910,826.10, Receipts \$91,823.96, Disbursements \$185,381.76, Ending Balance \$818,156.59.
PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$9,748.16, Disbursements \$9748.16, Ending Balance \$.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sandy Clarke, candidate for State Representative introduced herself and gave her background. No other comments.

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Bower reported the PC had a public hearing last month on Outdoor Heating Units Sec. 3.16a. The PC decided to leave the LD language as is. There will be a public hearing on Sec. 3.04c Clearing of Land this month.

Zoning Administrator: (See attached report) Nelson said that the zoning department has been very busy.

Fire Board Report: Badgero said the agreement with Garfield has been signed. Tim Deater has resigned. The four board members will decide who the next chairperson will be. Jon Schneider will take over until that process is complete. The command staff is in place. They have been very busy. There were three fatalities this past month, two on the river and one at Pettit Lake.

Newaygo Community District Library: Sharon Haege said Kelly Tinkem will be the new Library Director. She has been the interim until permanently being appointed. The audit went well with Brinkley Delong. The Library Board is working on operational policies.

There are 52 adults in the Summer Reading Program, 411 children with 105 finished already, and 116 teens. There are 23 pre-school children signed up for the 1000 books read by kindergarten. The library has continued story time this summer. Circulation in June was 4,455 which nearly doubled the circulation from May. There were 74 e-books.

Coolbough Management Commission: The next meeting will be August 10, the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Jim Dutkiewicz reported they had a meeting last week and the plant is running good. COLA is on the downside of the bond with six (6) years left. They are going to buy five (5) new pumps yearly. They do not have any information on how long the pumps will last whether they are used all the time or only in the summer so want to be proactive and have pumps available if needed. They do have a man who can do repairs on them.

Board members met with Camp Henry as they are using 40 REU's compared to the 29 REU's they are assessed. The meters have been calibrated and seem to be working fine. They are checking all areas to see what the difference is. The camp doesn't know where the extra usage is coming from. COLA has given them until September to find the solution or it'll have to be changed to the 40 REU's retroactive to April.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero said they continue to work on the rec plan and she will forward a copy to the Township Board.

County Commissioner: Larry Lethorn said the Park Director position opened a month ago and they are in the process of getting that position filled. Parks are going very well and the on line registration is going well. The cabins are always full.

Lethorn explained the ballot proposals that are on the August 2 election. One for the Commission On Aging is a renewal for 0.4983 for ten years and the other COA is an additional millage of .5 mill due to the premise of the number of seniors they are servicing. The grants are shrinking.

The COA and road patrol were both hit by the Headley Amendment. Road Patrol is asking for a renewal of 0.9968.

Lethorn also said Brooks Lake Board met and are looking at the cove at Brooks Lake regarding the muck. They have been using muck pellets and it has reduced the muck level 4” overall. Some areas more and some less. They are in the preliminary stages of looking into a sediment removal system. The DEQ would also be involved in this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Roof Replacement/repair: The roof is in the process of being replaced on the out building. A notice was put in the paper for repairs to the roof over the main township offices. We have only received one bid from George Suchy in the amount of \$2,730. There was a lot of discussion on this.

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Bouwer to have George Suchy repair the roof.

Ayes: Three

Nays: One

Motion Carried

2. 3.16a Outdoor Heating Units: The PC held a public hearing last month and approved the changes in the ordinance. Changes to the ordinance included a larger storage area for wood. The ordinance requires a stack height of 14 feet on wood burners. However, if the manufacturer recommends a shorter stack, we would go by that if okayed by the county building inspector.

Moved by Roehrig, **Seconded** by Bouwer to approve changes in the Outdoor Heating Ordinance.

Ayes – All

Nays – None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Candidates running for office introduced themselves and gave their background. Those candidates are Jason Vanderstelt-County Clerk, Terry Harrison-District 5 Representative and Del Hirdes-County Commissioner.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Question was asked when the 88th Street project will be done. They expect by the end of September.

Nelson said he thought we should consider refunds to the people who were fined under the Clearing of Land Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk

Maureen Dutkiewicz – Recording Secretary