

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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September 17, 2019

APPROVED

Members Present: Supervisor - Cory Nelson, Clerk - Jennifer Badgero, Treasurer - Christina Haynor, Trustee - Ken Page

Members Absent: - Ryan Schultz, Trustee

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 Badgero, **seconded** by Haynor to accept the Agenda as written. **Approved unanimously**

MINUTES:

Moved by Haynor, **seconded** by Page, to accept the minutes of regular meetings held on August 20, 2019. **Approved unanimously**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Moved by Haynor, **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 \$892,222.75 Receipts \$18,418.15, Disbursements \$50621.95 Ending Balance \$860,018.95

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Hummel reported that Commission members supported adding teeth to the Vacant/Abandoned building ordinance. Since this is a “stand alone” ordinance the Board will make the final decision. A change to the ordinance involving fencing for lakes was also discussed and the 30’ requirement was removed. Public Hearing on this issue is postponed until further changes occur as the result of ordinance review. Cheryl Rosen announced she is moving out of Brooks Township and will be leaving within the next month.

Zoning Administrator: August report submitted. No questions/comments

Fire Board Report: Hummel reported three applicants interviewed for the fire chief vacancy, with Travis Kroll hired as the new permanent Fire Chief. The board is currently working on policies and contract review with Garfield Township.

Coolbough Management Commission – Per Haynor, the next meeting is in November.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Nelson was very pleased to announce the hiring of Robert Nienhuis as the new COLA manager. Robert has a Class A license and brings a great deal of knowledge, experience and energy to the position.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero reported discussion involving the skate park warming house and options to renovate vs tear down; no decision yet made. She noted the soccer field is looking well with the care of True Green and the bleachers will be moved back shortly. The Newaygo youth softball is not complying with their contract and communication will occur shortly.

Library: No report was submitted

County Commissioner: Brenda Bird reported the 911 position is vacant and the hiring process will begin shortly. Chad Palmiter is temporarily filling the position. The budget report has been completed and handouts are available. Bird is excited about a pending joint community effort to provide a “virtual reality” experience for local nursing home residents. The venture would involve a “go pro” camera of things such as the nature preserve and a boat float experience. The idea is that the video would be calming and perhaps give residents a sense of purpose via a virtual reality experience.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Ordinance Amendments – **Moved** by Badgero, **seconded** by Haynor to approve ordinance changes recommended by the Planning Commission following their review of existing ordinances. **Approved Unanimously**
Changes were made to the following areas:
 - Art II - Section 2.24 W
 - Art III - Sections 3.02b, 302d, 303a, 304a, 316a 3.24b & 3.26b
 - Art IV – Section 4.08
 - Art IX – Section 9.07
 - Art X – Section 10.08

- 2) Cost Recovery Ordinance – Pending Cliff Bloom’s feedback. Badgero is looking into cost for the recent storm damage.

- 3) Township Website – **Moved** by Badgero, seconded by **Nelson** to purchase the Platinum Package for the new Website. **Approved Unanimously**

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. **Approved Unanimously**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk _____