

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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January 20, 2015

APPROVED

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

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 Cory Nelson.

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA: Supervisor Nelson asked for additions or corrections to the agenda.
Moved by Roehrig, **Seconded** by Bouwer to accept the agenda as presented.
Approved Unanimously

MINUTES:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to accept the minutes of the Regular
November 18, 2014 Township Board Meeting and Special Meeting of December 30, 2014 as
written.
Approved Unanimously

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Moved by Roehrig, **Seconded** by Haynor to pay the bills as presented.
There was discussion on the amount of the Consumers Energy bill.
Approved Unanimously

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented.

**GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$876,623.88, Receipts \$65,836.05, Disbursements \$9,912.83,
Ending Balance \$932,547.10.**

**PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$8,933.45, Disbursements \$8,933.45,
Ending Balance \$.00.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received.

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Boucher said the Planning Commission has not met for two months. They will have their meeting next Monday to go over ordinances.

Zoning Administrator: (See attached)

Fire Board Report: Badgero said February 1st is the deadline for Garfield to exit the fire district. Garfield has contacted the City of Fremont to see if they will serve their area. The next meeting is February 11. The fire department got their grass, fire, water source project done.

Newaygo Community District Library: Sharon Haeg reported the winter reading program is called Treasure Century. There are 48 adults and three teenagers signed up. The library is celebrating its centennial. It opened on January 28, 1915. They have historical moments being brought out this year. Haeg said in 1914 when the library applied for the Carnegie Grant, their reasoning was to get kids off the streets and give them something constructive to do.

They are in the final stages of interviewing for a new director. Circulation was 37,678 books which is up 500 from 2013. The library will be closed on February 16 so the staff can attend an annual all county library in service.

Coolbough Management Commission: Haynor said the next meeting is February 11.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Jim Dutkiewicz said things are fine at the plant. Flow is down so it gives them the chance to do maintenance work. They pull pumps and have them rebuilt so they are ready for the summer. There was one clarifier that wasn't needed right now so it could be shut off to save electricity.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero said there isn't a lot going on right now. They continue to talk about resurfacing the tennis courts. The ice rink is open. There is someone who is from Camp Calvary that will work on the rink and keep the ice smooth.

County Commissioner: Larry Lethorn said they had an organizational meeting and Pat Gardner was elected chair. Larry is the finance chairman. He has been asked about Steve Johnson who is the new County Commissioner and was arrested. Right now it is the assumption of innocence until proven guilty. If proven guilty the only one who can step in is the governor.

Tomorrow (January 21, 2015) they will be discussing hazardous fuels. It comes under a federally administrated program with wild fire protection. They are looking at removing the trash pine. They have been working in Croton and hope to finish this year and will work on Brooks Township. There is about 41 acres. There are about 71 piles that they will take care of as it will help in eliminating the risk of wild fires. The money to pay for cleaning this up is coming from Grant dollars from the US Forestry and DNR. They may haul some away or burn it.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pathway Committee/Grant Project: Badgero said there has been a bit of a delay. Brooks needs to pass a resolution in order to have the Grant be written for us. Croton is emailing a copy of their resolution to us. The deadline is February 1st. We can table this until she gets more information from Croton.

2. Budget Amendment: Nelson said the budget needs to be amended in the amount of \$10,000 for legal services for the Fire District. The expenditure was not expected at the beginning of the year.

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Roehrig to approve the budget amendment for legal services in the amount of \$10,000.

Approved Unanimously.

3. FEMA Floodplain Ordinance and Resolution: The flood plain maps were updated. In the process it involves every community having to update their ordinance and resolution and be approved by FEMA. Badgero heard back and our ordinance is approved by not the resolution. The resolution will need to be worked on.

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Bower to approve the Floodplain Ordinance as presented in the packet. This will be a free standing ordinance.

Approved Unanimously.

4. Board Appointments - Coolbough: Badgero and Haynor need to be reappointed to this position.

Moved by Bower, **Seconded** by Roehrig to reappoint Haynor and Badgero to the Coolbough Board.

Approved Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative: Bower said according to the consensus revenue it is projected that the state will have a 2.8 million deficit this year. The transportation funding bill has been signed and they will have a special election in May. It will raise the sales tax from 6% to 7%. They will take the state sales tax away in the gas tax and switching to a wholesale tax. The federal tax will still be there. It will raise the tax 6 cents. Bower encouraged everyone to vote on May 5 no matter which way you vote.

Intergovernmental: Nothing to report

Communications: Haynor said the Recycling for Newaygo County is moving from Fremont to our back building on February 1st. They will again accept glass and styrofoam. Everything can be dumped into one dumpster now.

Haynor said she offered them the chance to put a letter in with our assessment notices that go out in March. Their offices will be open 8-5 Monday to Friday. They will also have a large shredder that can be used.

Roads: Nelson said we are looking to form a Road Committee. There will be a notice in the paper regarding a five member road committee for Brooks Township. They will work with the Road Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Haynor welcomed Kim Roehrig to the Township Board and said he will be a good asset.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Roehrig to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.
Approved Unanimously

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk

Maureen Dutkiewicz – Recording Secretary