

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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February 17, 2015

APPROVED

Members Present: Clerk – Jennifer Badgero, Treasurer – Christina Haynor,
Trustee – Mike Bouwer

Members Absent: Supervisor – Cory Nelson, 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 Clerk Badgero

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA: Clerk Badgero asked for additions or corrections to the agenda.

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to accept the agenda as presented.

Approved Unanimously

Moved by Badgero, **Seconded** by Haynor to recess the regular Township Board meeting and open the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Approved Unanimously

BUDGET HEARING: Clerk Badgero asked for any questions on the budget. There were questions regarding the revenue portion and property taxes. The difference is an increase of about \$2,000. There was discussion on this. No further questions.

Moved by Badgero, **Seconded** by Haynor to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular board meeting.

Approved Unanimously.

MINUTES:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Bouwer to accept the minutes of the Regular January 20, 2015 Township Board Meeting as well as the Special Meeting held on January 20, 2015 and February 12, 2015.

Approved Unanimously

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to pay the bills as presented.

There was discussion on the electric bill for updating the output in the back building.

Approved Unanimously

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented.

GF 101 – Beginning Balance 932,547.10, Receipts \$37,559.92, Disbursements \$13,659.22, Ending Balance \$956,447.80.

PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$8,575.45, Disbursements \$8,575.45, Ending Balance \$.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Bower said the PC has been in the process of working on minor changes in ordinance language. They clarified language on accessory structures being allowed to have essential services in accessory structures. It is allowed if there is a principal structure on the parcel. Otherwise it is not allowed. There is no PC meeting this month as there is nothing pressing at this time.

Zoning Administrator: (See attached)

Fire Board Report: Badgero said at their last meeting they went through the budget that the command staff put together. They made a few minor changes and the budget will be presented tonight.

The fireboard also passed a service agreement with Garfield Township to go through June 30, 2015. It has been signed and a copy is at the fire station. They are working on a cost per run, and cost per apparatus to continue working on a cost recovery. Badgero will check on the fund raiser income. They do not put the cost of fund raisers on taxes.

Newaygo Community District Library: Sharon Haege said the staff had a productive in-service with other staff throughout the county on February 16. They are offering the position of library director to Christina Golm who is from Wayland. She previously worked as coordinator of projects technology and community outreach at the Henika District Library in Wayland.

Coolbough Management Commission: Haynor reported they will be burning some brush piles along 56th and Barberry. Also, some of the red pine will be removed to create prairie and savanna areas. They are applying for a grant to get a crew out there.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Haynor said they have not had a meeting since last month.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero said they have not had meeting either. She did notice a sign at the skating rink that says when they are open.

County Commissioner: Larry Lethorn said the county is working on having another hazardous waste pick up. They are looking at having it at the Fremont DPW. They do not have a date yet. The one in June was a huge success collecting 31,000 pounds of hazardous waste.

It cost the county \$26,509 to dispose of at 83 cents per pound. They are getting a grant for \$25,000 from the Fremont Foundation to help with these expenses. It is very worthwhile so that it helps with the environment.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fireboard Budget: The budget for the fireboard did go down a little from last year. It was approximately \$330,000 last year and this year it is \$318,430. Expenses are budgeted at \$310,430. They take the fundraiser expense out of their proceeds.

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Bouwer to approve the 2015/16 Fireboard Budget. At this point in time the budget is set up that we will be servicing Garfield. Approved Unanimously.

2. Budget Resolution 2015-313: **Moved** by Badgero, **Seconded** by Haynor to approve the Budget Resolution 2015-213. Approved Unanimously

3. General Appropriations Resolution 2015-314: Badgero said this resolution is similar to the budget. It says we posted and held our public hearing. It lists out our budget. The Revenues under 101 General Fund should read \$495,125.00 as listed under Section 5. The budget is similar to last year.

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Bouwer to amend Resolution 2015-314 to read \$495,125.00 under Revenues in General Fund. Approved Unanimously

4. Annual Resolution 2015-315: Badgero said the annual resolution lists the bank accounts, office hours, salaries, all items pertaining to the township. There was discussion on the pay for educational seminars for people attending on behalf of the township. It was decided to keep the pay for seminars as presented in the resolution.

Moved by Badgero, **Seconded** by Bouwer to approve Resolution 2015-315. Approved Unanimously

5. Board Committee Appointments: Badgero said we only had one applicant for the position of Library Board, Elizabeth Pitzer.

Moved by Badgero, **Seconded** by Bouwer to appoint Elizabeth Pitzer to the Library Board. Approved Unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

The March board meeting will be changed to March 24 due to some members being unavailable on March 17.

Bouwer asked about brining. Badgero said the brining has been scheduled. Brooks Township is 4th on the list.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Bouwer, **Seconded** by Haynor to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.
Approved Unanimously

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk

Maureen Dutkiewicz – Recording Secretary