

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

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November 19, 2019

**DRAFT**

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

**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 Nelson. Pledge of Allegiance

**AGENDA:** Supervisor Nelson asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. **Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Badgero to accept the Agenda as written. **Approved unanimously**

**MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Schultz, to accept the minutes of regular meeting held on October 15, 2019. **Approved unanimously**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

**Moved** by Nelson, **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 \$912,073.91 Receipts \$6,433.88, Disbursements \$34,065.40, Ending Balance \$884,442.39**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission** – Hummel reported that Chris Ortwein reviewed proposed amendments to Ottawa Point/ Pettit Lake Development. Joint hearing with Croton is scheduled 12/9/19. Also, Air B&B’s are popping up in Brooks Township. Other townships are being contacted to research the need for potential ordinance language.

**Zoning Administrator:** October report submitted. No questions/comments

**Fire Board Report:** Hummel reported the Fire Board is working on apparatus plan update to track equipment maintenance. The Garfield contract, coming due in January, is being reviewed to ensure charges are accurate. New officers have been appointed and a proposal for part time staffing is being researched.

**Coolbough Management Commission** – Per Haynor, the group has not heard from the Forest Service or DNR; however, a new access to the trailhead is in place.

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority:** Nelson reported that things are going smoothly with the new manager. Jim Dutkiewicz will resign from the board in March and his opening will be posted.

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority:** Badgero reported the new meeting schedule has been set and board re-appointments are needed. The soccer field lease agreement expires in March and plans are to change the lease

from 10 to 3 years. Discussion of the baseball fields involved mowing issues, upcoming license agreement and a second field at Henning Park with Newaygo youth softball. Action on the warming house at the skate park is still to be decided and they are seeking bids to seal/resurface tennis courts at Henning Park.

**Library:** Report was submitted via email

**County Commissioner:** Commissioner Brenda Bird provided the following highlights:

Tax values – Values for Brooks are the highest in the county at this point

Big Tree Contest – The contest is now closed, and the winner should be announced next week. She also noted that trees are considered a living monument. Anyone may send amazing tree documentation (photo, width measure and longitude/latitude of location) to their county commissioner.

Virtual Reality Experience for Medical Care Facility residents – Lots of exciting new ideas have developed for this potential experience and more research is being done.

Newaygo Emergency Services – Newaygo is determined “Storm Ready” which meets criteria for Weather Nation announcements on Weather Channel 13-2.

Senate Bill 505 – Proposes a change of term lengths from 2 years to 4: Bird anticipates this bill will pass.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1) Cost Recovery Ordinance – **Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Schultz to approve the Cost Recovery Ordinance. Approved Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Board appointments – Issue tabled due to lack of candidates. New deadline for Public Notice in the Times Indicator is 12/12/19.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments received

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Ken Page announced his resignation from various boards at the end of November as he is moving out of Brooks Township.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM. **Approved Unanimously**

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Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk \_\_\_\_\_