

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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May 21, 2019

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Members Present: Supervisor – Cory Nelson, Clerk – Jennifer Badgero,
Trustee – Ryan Schultz,

Members Absent: Treasurer - Christina Haynor, Trustee – Ken Page

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 Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to accept the Agenda striking Holly Moon from New Business (she will speak under Public Comment) and adding Quotes for Fiber Optics.

MINUTES:

Moved by Badgero **Seconded** by Schultz to accept the minutes of the regular April 16, 2019 meeting.
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 \$935,017.40
Receipts \$15,890.39, Disbursements \$35,228.32 Ending Balance \$915,679.47**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Note: The following reports were heard under Public Comment due to individual time constraints

Holly Moon, County Treasurer, - Collections for delinquent taxes are holding steady. Foreclosures remain about the same (Total 87 with 51 in Merrill Township). Extensions are up a bit at 67; individuals have until 8/9, to avoid foreclosure. Delinquency rate is up but no significant impact (8.3% total with 150 parcels). Property auctions are scheduled for 8/15 and 9/26 at 1PM in the County Boardroom with registration at noon. Property listings will be on line. Holly complimented Chris for an outstanding job on having one of the highest rates in collection and low rate of delinquency. .

Stu Sanders, Register of Deeds - The land record system is being upgraded which will bring the latest technology, increase workflow and enable records to be more easily located. There are 872,000 files and the system has not been upgraded since before he has was there. They plan to go live 10/1, with training for assessors and public 10/2 and 10/3. Property sales are up in terms of prices with prices from 1 – 3k being sold within a couple weeks. They also have a Passport Office with a portable photo booth. Passport application hours are 8AM to 4PM. No appointment is necessary and materials are given to the Post Office the same day.

Mitch Rood, Newaygo PD School Officer, reported an increase in drug intake at both the high school and middle school. Use of pills and vaping has increased; he has taken 30+ vaping devices from kids, some of which contained marijuana. He will continue to work on ways to address these issues however, currently, he

has no recourse other than to take the devices and many parents accept their child's vaping. Mitch conducted a safe driving exercise with the kids that went well. Overall, things are going smoothly.

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Per Schultz, PC meeting held 5/13/19, involved Public Hearing and SLU permit approval for a medical marijuana provisioning center on Mason Dr. Proposed ordinance language changes for accessory structures were supported with a Public Hearing scheduled for June.

Zoning Administrator: April report submitted. No questions/comments

Fire Board Report: Per Hummel, Chief Wolford's resignation is final the end May and the process for hiring a new chief is being reviewed with a tentative deadline for August. Travis Kroll will serve as interim chief. The Board is also reviewing policies to determine inconsistencies and a proposed apparatus replacement plan for purchasing fire equipment.

Coolbough Management Commission – Per Badgero, they are still working on re-routing access to the north parking lot. Controlled burns are planned for the north end of the prairie area.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Nelson reported there had been a special meeting to purchase a pick-up truck which is much needed. Overall, things are going well.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero reported continued discussion of soccer and baseball. Fields are being treated by True Green and are looking good. There is a shortage of baseball fields and the Little League lease was renewed. Softball group has agreed to spend time and money on the Henning field.

Library: Sharon Haege provided a brochure containing various summer programs sponsored by the library, including Shout Out, a day of fun activities scheduled for Friday 6/21. All events are open to anyone.

County Commissioner: Brenda Bird stated the equalization report indicates Newaygo is the 2nd in growth for new construction with a 2 billion equalized value. Skyrocketing health care, Dragon Trail, and PA-123 are currently prime topics of discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **NCRA Budget** – Moved by Nelson **Seconded** by Badgero to pass the budget. **Approved Unanimously**
- 2) **Quote for Fiber Optics** - Moved by Nelson **Seconded** by Badgero to hire Charlie Atkinson Neway Consulting & Electrical Contractors to install fiber optics in the office. **Approved Unanimously**
- 3) **Fire District Milage rate** –Moved by Badgero **Seconded** by Nelson to set a Public Hearing for the Fire District milage rate. **Approved Unanimously**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Township Junk Day Saturday, 6/1/19, from 8 – 2.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Badgero to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. **Approved Unanimously**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk _____
Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk _____

