

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337
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August 20, 2019
APPROVED

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

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

MINUTES:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero, to accept the minutes of regular meetings held on July 8, 2019. **Approved unanimously**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Moved by Haynor, **seconded** by Page to pay the bills as presented. **Approved Unanimously**

TREASURER'S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer's Report as presented. - GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$955,981.25 Receipts \$43,589.99, Disbursements \$107,348.49 Ending Balance \$892,222.75

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Hummel reported that a Public Hearing was held for minor housekeeping changes. Changes were supported and forwarded to the Board for approval. Regulation of vacant/abandoned buildings was discussed with a suggestion to update the existing Junk/Blight Ordinance. Ordinance review was also continued.

Zoning Administrator: July report submitted. No questions/comments

Fire Board Report: Hummel reported that a purchasing policy has been signed. Three applicants have applied for the Chief position and the interview process is expected early September. There is work being done to determine the amount and type of calls taken for Brooks and Garfield Township as well as the City of Newaygo. The Fireboard has also purchased training booklets to train their workers.

Coolbough Management Commission – Per Haynor, the recent meeting was cancelled. Currently, the Federal Forest contact is waiting response from the DNR regarding easement issues. Controlled burns are currently being done in nearby areas of the forest.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Per Nelson, there is no change.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Per Badgero no meeting was held, however, she anticipates a Special Meeting will be scheduled to review a contract with Newaygo youth softball for updating the field at Henning Park by the campground.

Library: An update was sent to board members by Nelson.

County Commissioner: Ken DeLaat reported that the budget process is nearly complete and that they are looking for a replacement for the dispatcher, Jason Wolford. He also noted that jail attendance has been up and he recently rode with a member of the Sherriff's department and was impressed by how the different local law enforcement authorities work together.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Moved** by Badgero, **seconded** by Schultz to approve proposed ordinance amendments. Motion was not carried due to questions raised by Haynor concerning section 9.07. Questions to be resolved next month and changes to be revisited.
- 2) Cost recovery ordinance – Nelson would like to see further review and fine tuning. He also recommends review by Cliff Bloom, the township attorney prior to moving forward.
- 3) Township website update – Options were presented and discussed. Badgero and Haynor will review options for best fit and present at next month's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Hummel noted that the Fireboard is working on a contract with Garfield Township. She also noted that the City of Newaygo has the highest percentage of calls and she would like to see equalized cost sharing. She will provide Nelson with statistics.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Page to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM. **Approved Unanimously**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk _____