

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337
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January 19, 2021
APPROVED

Members Present: Supervisor, Cory Nelson, Clerk - Jennifer Badgero, Treasurer - Christina Haynor, Trustee – Danielle Hummel

Members Absent: Trustee – Ryan Schultz

A regular meeting of the Brooks Township Board was held on the above date using a “GOTO Meeting” process due to COVID-19 restrictions. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Township Supervisor, Nelson. Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA: Supervisor Nelson asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Haynor to accept the agenda with the addition of New Business Item #2 – Resolution #2021-361.
Approved Unanimously

MINUTES:

Moved by Haynor, **seconded** by Hummel to accept the minutes of regular meeting held on December 15, 2020.
Approved Unanimously

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel, to pay the bills as presented. **Approved Unanimously**

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented. - GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$540,014.67 Receipts \$21,376.08, Disbursements \$24,052.32 Ending Balance \$537,338.43.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Nelson reported a teleconference meeting was held 1/11/21. Primary discussion involved the River Tributary District and passing of several minor ordinance changes which involved General Provisions (private roads/driveways and shipping containers), Signs and Billboards, Non-conforming Use Lots or Structures (new subsection added), Accessory Dwelling Units (definitions, summary of district land use and new item added to specific standards). Ordinance changes are scheduled for Public Hearing 2/08/21.

Fire Board Report: Hummel reported the completed Fire Board budget will go before the board in February. The board is also concluding the contract with Garfield Township. A report from Travis noted there are 27 employees compared to 13 employees when he began the position. The Board was informed that 800 megahertz of radio transmission is required effective 10/1/21, with an expected price tag of \$70,000.00 - \$75,000.00. They will be researching grant opportunities for this expense.

Coolbough Management Commission – Next meeting in February

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: No January meeting

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero provided the following highlights of the NCRA:

- The Disc golf course at Henning Park is moving forward and they hope to have a handful of holes open by Fall – NCRA is researching a matching grant with a “set and meet goal” to help fund the course.
- Pickleball fencing is up at Henning and resurfacing of the court is planned for this spring
- Baseball field ditches at Henning have been re-done and fields are dry and in good shape
- Possible day parking charges at Henning was discussed
- Fertilizer and vegetation control was discussed at baseball and soccer fields
- They are considering hiring someone to develop a Recreational Plan which is needed to access DNR grants.

County Commissioner: No representative present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Board re-appointments – **Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Badgero to **re-appoint** board members as follows:
Mark Pitzer – Planning Commission Chair; All current ZBA members; All current COLA Board members; all current Board of Review members. **Unanimously approved**
- 2) Resolution 2021-361 – Concerning Covid closure orders by the Governor – Moved by Nelson, seconded by Badgero to approve the Resolution with the removal of the final sentence in Section H. Motion approved with Roll Call Vote as follows:
Nelson, Badgero, Hummel – Yea
Haynor – Nay

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Comments received

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. **Approved Unanimously**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk _____