

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD  
NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337  
(231) 652-6763  
June 16, 2020  
APPROVED

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

**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 Frederiksen to accept the Agenda as presented. **Approved Unanimously**

**PUBLIC HEARING – Fire District Millage Rate**

Moved by **Nelson**, seconded by **Haynor** to suspend the township meeting and open the Public Hearing for approval of the Fire District Millage Rate of 1.90658 mills for the fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Approved Unanimously**

No Public Comment

**Moved** by Badgero, **seconded** by Nelson to close the hearing and reopen the regular meeting. **Approved Unanimously**

**MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Nelson to accept the minutes of regular meeting held on March 17, 2020. **Approved Unanimously**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)**

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented. - GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$1,010,175.77  
Receipts \$79,076.73, Disbursements \$134,818.57, Ending Balance \$954,433.93**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission** – No meeting since February

**Zoning Administrator:** No comments

**Fire Board Report:** Hummel reported a Zoom meeting was held with board members only with the following highlights:

- City of Newaygo passed the 20/21 Fire Board budget.
- Meeting schedule of every other month was approved
- Use of trucks for birthdays has resumed once per week
- Bids for new gear are being obtained as part of the capital plan

**Coolbough Management Commission** – The May meeting was cancelled; next one is scheduled for August.

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority:** Nelson reported the resignation of Rick Bennett. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup>. The current manager is considering bringing in part-time help.

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority:** Badgero reported a teleconference meeting was held. At this point soccer and little league activity has been cancelled, with only some clinics being held. Work to start on the field at Henning Park.

**Library:** The Library has re-opened.

**County Commissioner:** Commissioner DeLaat reported the following highlights:

- County offices opened 6/08, however, the courts are still closed
- The census is doing well in Newaygo County; individuals are encouraged to complete census if they haven't already done so
- The Dragon Trail is making progress and looks good
- The Board of Public Works is conducting studies on Hess Lake. BPW and Hess Board to review in July
- The budget process will begin soon; it will be difficult to determine for both this year and next
- Recycling – The county and foundation is currently funding; once this funding ends townships may be approached for support. A meeting is planned this Friday to discuss future plans.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Marijuana Ordinance Updates – No further development on the proposed Riverwood Wellness building. The deadline has passed for the previous license holders and an Ann Arbor group has shown interest. The issue has been on hold due to Covid-19 issues. Jennifer agreed to reach out to Ryan Kathawa.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. NCRA Budget – **Moved** by Schultz, **seconded** by Frederiksen to pass the budget. **Approved Unanimously**
2. Resolution 2020-360 Fire District Millage Rate – **Moved** by Badgero, **seconded** by Schultz to pass the Fire district millage rate of 1.90658 mills for the fiscal year beginning 7/1/20. **Unanimously Approved**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments received

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- Reminder that Trash Day has been moved to August, 8; same time/same place.
- Hazardous waste disposal is scheduled for Saturday, October 31.
- Suggestion was made to place better signage and lighting at 95<sup>th</sup> and Spruce. Drivers are missing the intersection and turning around in driveways, creating unsafe conditions. Nelson agreed to check into this.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved** by Schultz, **seconded** by Frederiksen to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM. **Approved Unanimously**

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

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