

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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July 21, 2020

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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**

MINUTES:

Moved by Haynor, **seconded** by Schultz to accept the minutes of regular meeting held on June 16, 2020 and the special meeting held July 8, 2020. **Approved Unanimously**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented. - GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$954,433.93
Receipts \$15,348.58, Disbursements \$136,864.29, Ending Balance \$832,918.22**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – No meeting since February

Zoning Administrator: Report submitted. No comments

Fire Board Report: Hummel reported a meeting was held in July with the following highlights:

- They are getting recruits in. There are currently 27 firefighters - 6 medical, 2 fire only and 19 medical/fire combo.
- 24 firefighter uniforms (with gear) are being purchased due to deterioration. Bid amount of \$70,860.00, includes jackets, pants, boots, helmets, and hoods. Boots are one size with inserts.
- Calls are down from last year (587 to 535). City of Newaygo has the highest number of calls followed by Brooks. Approximately half of all calls were EMS related calls.
- The fireboard received \$116,000.00 from the contract with Garfield Twp. This was higher than the projected amount of \$75,000.00.

Coolbough Management Commission – Next meeting is scheduled for August 12.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Nelson reported the COLA met last week with the following highlights:

- 1) Rick Bennett resigned
- 2) Bob has put together a capital outlay plan for replacement of infrastructure. He has also proposed an employee shift plan to part time that will cover on-call issues and weekends. It will save approximately \$30,800.00 per year
- 3) Alum numbers were high but have been dealt with. Bob has been working with customers regarding the Centerline lift station odor. It is much better but if the problem persists his plan is to introduce negative pressure to the lift can.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero reported the following highlights:

- The skate warming house was in poor condition and has been leveled
- Request for bid was put out for a disc golf course between Henning and Shaw park.
- Resurfacing of the tennis courts being discussed.

Library: The Library has re-opened with a limit of 10 people and mask requirement

County Commissioner: Commissioner Bird reported the following highlights:

- Newaygo county fair has been cancelled despite her strong push to keep it going. Letters were mailed to those involved in the 4-H program to recognize accomplishments and to stress the importance of their interest and activities in agriculture.
- An MSU Extension pamphlet was provided with many sources of information that might be of interest to the township. The Food Educator in particular, might be helpful for both the general public and those needing food assistance. The educator provides tips on cooking, buying and eating healthy food during this critical time. She will also try to get an electronic version to us.
- Letter of Affirmation of the Pledge of Allegiance was provided.
- The county level budget and union contracts are being reviewed
- Lots of grant money is currently available
- Two sections of the Dragon Trail are now open

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marijuana Ordinance Updates – Issue awaiting feedback from the township attorney.

NEW BUSINESS:

NPS – Mitch Rood – Mitch provided and reviewed the Bi-Annual Report (January 20 – July 20)

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

-Reminder that Trash Day has been moved to August, 8:00 AM – 2PM. Electronics and tires (with fee) will be accepted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Haynor, **seconded** by Frederiksen to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. **Approved Unanimously**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk _____