

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD  
NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337  
(231) 652-6763  
February 16, 2021  
APPROVED

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

**Members Absent:** None

A regular meeting of the Brooks Township Board was held on the above date at the Brooks Township Hall. Teleconference call-in was also available. 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 Haynor, **seconded** by Badgero to accept the agenda as written. **Unanimously Approved**

**MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to accept the minutes of regular meeting held on January 19, 2021. **Unanimously Approved**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)**

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented. - GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$537,338.43 Receipts \$116,319.67, Disbursements \$17,160.59 Ending Balance \$636,497.51.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission** – Schultz reported a Public Hearing was held for several ordinance changes that were forwarded to the Board for final approval at this meeting. Changes involved, driveways and private roads, commercial shipping containers, signs and billboards, Non-conforming Uses, Buildings and Structures and Accessory Dwelling Units. Also discussed were residential shipping containers, zoning map updates, and a proposal submitted for charitable short-term lodging offering free lodging for Gold, Silver and White star military families who have had a member injured or lost in the line of duty.

**Fire Board Report:** No meeting was held.

**Coolbough Management Commission** – No meeting was held.

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority:** No meeting was held.

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority:** No meeting was held.

**County Commissioner:** Commissioner Brenda Bird reported the following highlights:

- Meijer is offering \$20,000.00 worth of vouchers for veterans in need. Veteran’s Affairs may be contacted for assistance in accessing vouchers.

- Commission on Aging (COA) reported serving 58,000 to-go meals and 52,000 miles of transportation for area seniors. They also run the Senior Project Fresh program with \$28,000.00 in coupons for purchase of fresh produce. Those needing transportation for Covid shots may also contact COA.
- She also received information on a free Great Lakes Conference webinar offered by MSU 3/9/21, involving the health of the great lakes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Ordinance Amendments – Proposed amendments were separated into the following three categories:
  - Language Changes – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Haynor to approve proposed language changes as presented. **Unanimously Approved.**
  - ADU Changes – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to discuss the amendment. **Unanimously Approved.**  
 Following discussion, **moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to approve the amendment with changes (pg. 1, item 1 and pg. 3, item f). **Unanimously Approved**
  - Non-conforming Uses – There was in depth discussion and questions on this change. The Board decided to table this change to pursue clarification from the township attorney. A special meeting will be held to approve the change following clarification.
- 2) Budget Amendments – **Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Nelson to increase Acct# 191702 by \$2500.00 and increase Acct# 446930 by \$100,000.00, to come from savings. Shortfalls resulted from election expenses and unfinished road projects. **Unanimously Approved**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments Received

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Comments received

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

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

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