

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337
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March 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 Hummel, **seconded** by Haynor, to accept the agenda as written. **Unanimously Approved**

BUDGET HEARING

Moved by Haynor, **seconded** by Badgero to suspend the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for Budget Review. **Unanimously Approved**

The proposed Brooks Township budget for fiscal year 2021-22 was presented and reviewed with no comments from the public or attendees. **Moved** by Hummel, **seconded** by Badgero to close the Public Hearing and resume the regular meeting. **Unanimously Approved**

MINUTES:

Moved by Badgero, **seconded** by Schultz to accept the minutes of both the regular and special meeting held on February 16, 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 \$636,497.51 Receipts \$28,373.91, Disbursements \$20,060.13, Ending Balance \$644,811.29

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Schultz reported that proposed language for shipping containers was finalized and the issue will be forwarded for Public Hearing in the future. Short term rentals, charitable rentals and proposed storage units were tabled for discussion in the April meeting.

Fire Board Report: Hummel reported the budget was ready and on the agenda for approval by the township board tonight. Travis updated them on the recent explosives incident at the school and noted that 17 responders spent approximately 14 hours on the incident. New radios are needed due to a requirement to upgrade to 800 megahertz of radio transmission. A grant has been submitted for radios in the amount of \$142,220.20. She also noted that the City of Newaygo has extra Kevlar vests that they hope to transfer to fire fighters. The board also recently hired a third first lieutenant.

Coolbough Management Commission – No meeting was held, however, there was a report that someone had dumped some tires on the property and this has been taken care of.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Nelson reported the COLA budget and the Five-Year Capital Plan were passed at the March meeting and things were going well.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero reported work continues at Henning Park. A fence has been placed around the pickle ball court and the courts should be resurfaced soon. Fencing is partially up around the baseball fields and a forestry study is being done to determine placement of 8 disc golf holes planned for this summer.

County Commissioner: None present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Ordinance Amendments – Non-conforming uses, Buildings and Structures and the Expansion and Rebuilding Thereof - **Moved** by Badgero, **seconded** by Hummel to accept the amendments as written. **Unanimously Approved**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) PC Resignation/appointment – Matt Arthur has resigned from the Planning Commission and his position needs to be filled. **Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Badgero to appoint Chris Wren to the position. **Approved by all but Hummel who abstained**
- 2) Fire Board Budget – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to accept the proposed FY 2021/22 Fire Board budget. **Unanimously Approved**
- 3) Resolution 2021-362 – Annual Resolution – **Moved** by Schultz, **seconded** by Hummel, as amended with hourly pay amounts for Zoning Administrator and Zoning Assistant. **Unanimously Approved**
- 4) Resolution 2021-363 – Fee Schedule – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to approve the Fee Schedule as presented. **Unanimously Approved**
- 5) Resolution 2021-364 – General Appropriation – **Moved** by Badgero, **seconded** by Haynor to approve General Appropriations as presented. **Unanimously Approved**
- 6) Resolution 2021-365 – Budget – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to approve the budget as Presented. **Unanimously Approved**

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comments

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Haynor announced Trash Day is scheduled for June 26, 2021. Nelson met with USDA Forest Service concerning issues with illegal ORV activity on “prairie” areas.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk _____