

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337
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April 20, 2021
APPROVED

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

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 was 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 Hummel, to accept the agenda with the addition of New Business items 3) River Patrol and 4) Road Patrol. **Unanimously Approved**

MINUTES:

Moved by Haynor, **seconded** by Schultz to accept the minutes of both the regular meeting of March 16 and the Special Meeting of March 24, 2021. **Unanimously Approved**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented. - GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$644,811.29, Receipts \$91,754.36, Disbursements \$42,149.79, Ending Balance \$694,415.86

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission –Nelson reported the discussion of storage units on Spruce and M-82 was the main topic of discussion. The issue was abandoned as the individual was not interested in the only available option of conditional rezoning. Discussion of short-term rentals was tabled for the May meeting.

Fire Board Report: No meeting was held

Coolbough Management Commission – No meeting was held; next meeting 5/12/21

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: No meeting was held

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: No meeting was held

County Commissioner: Brenda Bird reported the following highlights:

- The financial statement looks good and she anticipates lots of Covid money coming in
- Health care may be an issue this year
- The local police are in the process of purchasing a 2020 Bearcat (similar to an armored car)
- The Ensley nature preserve committee is interested in touring Coolbaugh for ideas

- Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled at the Ensley Nature Preserve, Friday April 30 at 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. There will be games and prizes, take home crafts, free trees and trail walks.
- Ensley township is working on a resolution to denounce the governor's order

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) NCRA additional contribution – The city of Newaygo has received TIFFA funds but needs partial funding for two new ballfields at a total cost of \$130,000.00. A request has been made for Brooks, Croton and Garfield townships to each contribute \$5000.00, with the remaining \$15,000.00 being matched. **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz, to approve a donation of \$5,000.00 for the ballfields. **Unanimously Approved**
- 2) Proclamation to recognize NHS girls varsity basketball team -**Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Badgero to approve the proclamation for recognition and honor of the 2021 Girls Basketball Team for great sportsmanship and a historically successful season.
- 3) River Patrol – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to authorize funding of \$10,344.00 for Muskegon River patrol of Brooks township portion of the waterway from Memorial Day through Labor Day. **Motion Carried.**
 Ayes: Nelson, Schultz, Haynor, Badgero
 Nays: Hummel
- 4) Road Patrol – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to authorize funding for road patrol on Spruce. **Motion Not Carried** – Ayes: Nelson, Badgero
 Nays: Haynor, Schultz, Hummel

PUBLIC COMMENT: Diane Schindlbeck, District Representative from Senator Bumstead's office noted that she is available when questions arise. She reported Senator Bumstead is currently working on the budget and identifying areas where the American Relief Funding will go. There is hope to use the funding for infrastructure and related activities. Finalization of the plan is anticipated within the next two weeks. The senate also introduced over 30 bills for election reform on the website and feedback is encouraged.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Haynor announced Trash Day is scheduled for June 26, 2021, from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. She expects to have the Newsletter out within two weeks.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Hummel, **seconded** by Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk _____