

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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August 17, 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 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 Haynor **seconded** by Hummel, to accept the agenda as written. **Unanimously Approved**

MINUTES:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 2021. **Unanimously Approved**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented. - GF 101 – Beginning Balance - \$672,628.32 Receipts - \$74,160.85, Disbursements - \$49,192.28, Ending Balance - \$697,596.89

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Schultz reported that residential shipping containers for public use was passed as well as a four-foot wide (4’) sidewalk behind existing seawalls. A site plan for a landscaping business on M-82 near Linden was also passed.

Fire Board Report: Hummel reported the city’s feasibility study for police is expected in a couple of months. The board is waiting on approval of a \$150,000.00 grant for purchase of radios which meet the new 800-megahertz requirement. At this point, eight truck radios have been approved to meet the October 1st effective date.

Coolbough Management Commission – A brief meeting was held with limited discussion

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Next meeting will be held in September

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero reported that a special meeting was held to approve field use for girls’ softball.

County Commissioner: Brenda Bird provided the following highlights:

- Contagious disease policy was passed
- Plans for a meeting to discuss the gypsy moth issue is planned for October
- The drain commission is reevaluating property along the river, (primarily in Ensley Township at this point) which is resulting in special assessments
- An MSU research center recently opened in Hart, MI. The center's focus is primarily on fruit trees and asparagus and the center is very interesting.
- She recently discussed recycling with the Board of Public Works and is interested in finding ways to decrease the cost and somehow increase funding to support the operation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Mitch Rood – NPS update – Mitch provided a Bi-Annual Report covering the period of January-July of 2021. Highlights included:
 - The last year to six months has been challenging - truancy issues with zoom attendance increased along with suicide attempts and runaway episodes.
 - A social worker has been hired at the high school to help assist with issues
 - They are hoping to get vape detectors through a grant
 - The kids day camp was a big success
 - Work is being done to develop an Emergency Operations Plan to be provided in each room
- 2) Proclamation to recognize Rich Bosowski – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to accept the Proclamation as written. **Unanimously Approved**
- 3) NCRA Budget amendment – This amendment had been approved in a previous meeting, however, the increase was not recorded in the minutes and thus requires another formal approval. **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to approve the amended budget for 2020-21, increasing the budget amount by \$10,000.00 (from \$35,696.00 to \$45,696.00). **Unanimously Approved**
- 4) Zoning Map parcel update-amendments – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to approve the updated Zoning Map as presented, to extend the Lakefront District to show 500 feet from Brooks Lake along Vista Dr. It was noted that the zoning map will need to be updated and recertified.
Unanimously Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Ryan Shultz noted he missed the July meeting due to the birth of his child. Congratulations were given

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk _____