

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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December 21, 2021

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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 Haynor, **seconded** by Schultz to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 2021. **Unanimously Approved**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report for September - GF 101 – Beginning Balance - \$829,944.80
Receipts - \$81,162.97 Disbursements - \$33,215.23, Ending Balance - \$877,892.54**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Schultz reported that the only significant item was a presentation by Williams and Works, the new provider selected to work with township planning issues.

Fire Board Report: Hummel reported the board is in the process of budget review for wages, equipment, and other miscellaneous items. A handout for proposals was provided to Board Members.

Coolbough Management Commission – No report. The next meeting is in February

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority – No meeting was held. The next meeting is in January.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority – No meeting was held

County Commissioner – Ken De Laat provided the following highlights:

- Plans are being made for upgrades to the County Courthouse with incoming ARPA funds
- The Dragon Trail has been very popular and plans are to add more miles in 2022
- The parks had an amazing year in attendance
- A private/public partnership is being considered for recycling and a state grant is possible
- Jail numbers have been high, especially with local residents
- Consideration is being given to extend funeral leave for county employees by two additional days when the death involves a spouse or child
- Effective January 2022, Courts are being geographically aligned
- Terms for County Commissioners are changing to four years (vs the current two year terms), in 2024

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Contracting Officer – **Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Schultz to permit Brooks Township to partner with the City of Newaygo to cover benefits of an officer and vehicle. The officer will assist as needed for zoning issues which require serving of papers, field work for removal of junk and debris, and other related services. Information will be passed on to Joe Selzer for processing once action has taken place.
Unanimously Approved
- 2) ARPA funding options – At this point, the rules for expenditure of this “Covid money” are unclear. Various options were discussed however, further clarification is needed to determine valid options.
- 3) Name change on license – Green Peak – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to approve the change on the Green Peak license from LLC to INC. **Unanimously Approved**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kelly Smith announced his running for Republican Candidate for State Representative

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Haynor to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk _____