

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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July 20, 2021

APPROVED

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

Members Absent: Trustee –Ryan Schultz

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**

PUBLIC HEARING:

Fire Millage - Moved by Haynor, **seconded** by Badgero to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing. **Unanimously Approved**

No public comment received. **Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Hummel to close the Public Hearing and resume the regular meeting. **Unanimously Approved**

MINUTES:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 15, 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 as presented. - GF 101 – Beginning Balance - \$689,181.14 Receipts - \$13,894.88, Disbursements - \$30,447.70, Ending Balance - \$672,628.32

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received

REPORTS:

Planning Commission –Nelson reported the major focus of the meeting was discussion of residential shipping containers for public use and will continue as unfinished business next month.

Fire Board Report: Hummel reported the next meeting will be in August, and noted both trucks are up and running.

Coolbough Management Commission – No meeting until August

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Nelson reported purchase approval of a new van. The Manager reported problems with a pump at Centerline and another pump that was out of service with a faulty motor. Odor control was again an issue at Centerline and a blower is being installed to address the issue.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero reported that pickle ball courts at Henning were now complete. Field maintenance is in good shape and seven - disc golf holes are complete at this point with more planned for the future.

County Commissioner: Ken DeLaat provided highlights for the following:

- Disc golf holes at Henning Park 1-6 and 18 are complete with different tees and baskets. He noted this is a popular sport right now and anticipates tournament activities will be a big draw for the community.
- The Dragon Trail is making progress and is currently experiencing very high use.
- Budget meetings are occurring for the upcoming year.
- Federal prisoners have been transferred out after Covid-19 issues and numbers are now low at the county facility.
- Gypsy Moths have been a hot topic with lots of calls and the issue is being researched. The DNR is not currently allowing spray intervention as it can disturb the natural moth cycle and kill other insects. Apparently, moisture can cause disease in the moths and reduce the numbers however, this year's drought allowed the moths to thrive and escalate the numbers. The cost to spray the county is estimated to be around \$25 million, so increased millage has been ruled out. Additionally, many county residents do not want spraying to occur, so the problem presents a dilemma.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Newaygo County Hazard Mitigation Plan –**Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Haynor to approve Resolution 2021-367, which outlines the county's plan required by FEMA. **Unanimously Approved**
- 2) The Right Place – This economic development entity is requesting financial donation from Brooks Township. Haynor suggested to invite them to a board meeting to learn more about what they have to offer the community.
- 3) Green Peak license renewal – License renewal is due for “Skymint” a medical marijuana facility. **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to accept the updated application for renewal. **Unanimously Approved**
- 4) MTA Principals of Governance – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Haynor to accept governing principals outlined for Brooks Township. **Unanimously Approved**
- 5) Resolution 2021-366 Fire Millage – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Haynor to approve the resolution for an estimated amount of \$290,591.78 (1.87745 mills) special assessment for fire services over the next fiscal year. **Unanimously Approved**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Haynor to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk _____