

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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May 17, 2022

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. 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 Schultz to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item “Repeal of OSDS.”

MINUTES:

Moved by Badgero, **seconded** by Haynor to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2022.

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 for April - GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$1,228,498.47, Receipts - \$92,806.24, Disbursements - \$38,482.04, Ending Balance – \$1,282,822.07

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Ryan Schultz noted that the PC updated the sign/billboard ordinance with a Public Hearing planned for the future. There was no additional action on the Master Plan.

Fire Board Report: Danielle Hummel reported the resignation of Chief Kroll due to acceptance of a Fire Chief position in Coopersville. A committee has been formed for hiring a replacement with Dave Otteren serving as interim Chief. New officials were elected and a sub-committee was formed to conduct a feasibility study for future growth.

Coolbough Management Commission – Haynor reported that they are looking for a new representative from the Nature Conservancy. New signs and trail markers to identify length of trails were discussed.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority – Nelson reported things are going well and purchase of equipment and debt forgiveness were discussed at the May meeting.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority – Badgero reported May meeting discussion involved field conditions, signage to help prevent dogs running on the fields, and sprinkler system issues at Centerline.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Bird reported the following highlights:

- The Equalization Report has been posted and reflected a 6.17% increase in taxable growth for Newaygo. Croton, Brooks, and Ensley townships led the increase.
- 2020 parcels have been uncapped resulting in increased sales
- \$45 million more in ARPA funds will be distributed in June
- Commissioner Bird strongly recommends opportunities through MSU Extension Services and noted they offer an abundant amount of resources including free educational information.
- The Commission on Aging vacancy has been filled.
- Local EMT discussions continue

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Repeal of OSDS – **Moved** by Badgero, **seconded** by Hummel to discuss the value of this ordinance. **Unanimously Approved.**
Moved by Schultz, **seconded** by Nelson to repeal the OSDS Stand Alone Ordinance effective immediately. **Approved by majority vote.**
Aye’s – Schultz, Nelson, Hummel
Nay’s – Badgero, Haynor

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- 1) The status of ARPA (Covid) Funds was discussed. Jennifer Badgero has had issues with logging into the site and has been unable to reach anyone for guidance. Cory Nelson will research information on what the funding can be spent on.
- 2) Haynor noted that the Brooks Township Newsletter had been distributed. Junk Days have been scheduled for 6/17 and 6/18 and will be conducted by American Classic Waste Services rather than township staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Haynor, **seconded** by Badgero to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk _____