

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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DECEMBER 20, 2022

**DRAFT**

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

**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 Clerk, Badgero. Pledge of Allegiance

**AGENDA:** Clerk Badgero asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. **Moved** by Badgero, **seconded** by Haynor to approve the agenda as written. **Unanimously Approved**

**MINUTES**

**Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Hummel to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2022. **Unanimously Approved**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)**

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report for April - GF 101 – Beginning Balance – \$1,491,670.39**

**Receipts - \$70231.39 Disbursements - \$50,697.81 Ending Balance - \$1,511,203.97**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission** – Shultz reported that the Planning Commission finalized the township Master Plan and forwarded a resolution for final approval to the township board. A hearing was also held involving the moving of a private drive. The topic of tiny homes was also discussed.

**Fire Board Report:** Hummel reported that the next meeting will be held in January. She anticipates discussion will involve 2023 budget and how to handle increased calls with fewer available personnel.

**Coolbough Management Commission** – No report

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority** – Badgero reported the discussion primarily involved waiving of certain fees when there is no residence on the property. Bob Nienhuis will work on proposed changes.

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority** – No report

**County Commissioner** – No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Resolution 2022-377 – Master Plan – **Moved** by Haynor, **seconded** by Schultz to approve the resolution to adopt the proposed Master Plan update submitted by the Planning Commission, including all chapters, figures, descriptive matters, maps, and tables contained therein.  
**Unanimously Approved**
  
- 2) Streetlight 95<sup>th</sup>/Clay – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to discuss the addition of a streetlight. The issue was tabled. The addition of a radar speeding sign rather than a streetlight will be explored.
  
- 3) Township Clean Up Day – Scott, from American Classic was present to discuss the 2023 Township clean up day. The decision was made to move the event to the former Sand Mold location, which was recently purchased by American Classic. It was also suggested that additional staff be hired to check tax bills to ensure that only Brooks Township residents are dropping items off.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sherriff officer, Jason Fritsma reported that there has recently been incidents of catalytic converter theft, break-ins and stolen vehicles in Brooks township and nearby areas. He recommends that residents lock their vehicles, have them in well lighted areas, and consider trail cams to help deter such crimes.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Jennifer Badgero, Township Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Dianna Schaafsma, Deputy Clerk \_\_\_\_\_