

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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JANUARY 17, 2023

**APPROVED**

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

**Members Absent:** Treasurer - Christina Haynor

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 Supervisor Nelson. Pledge of Allegiance

**AGENDA:** Supervisor Nelson asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. **Moved** by Nelson **seconded** by Hummel to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item #1 - COLA Language changes. **Unanimously Approved**

**MINUTES**

**Moved** by Hummel, **seconded** by Schultz to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20,2022. **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 – \$1,511,203.97  
Receipts - \$21,797.58 Disbursements - \$28,665.66 Ending Balance – \$1,579,335.89**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission** – No meeting held

**Fire Board Report:** Hummel reported a special meeting was held 1/19/23, to discuss the preliminary budget and determine potential for hiring additional workers.

**Coolbough Management Commission** – No report

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority** – Nelson reported discussion of language changes to the Articles of Incorporation which involves waiving of certain fees when there is no residence on the property and other minor language changes. These changes must be approved by each township board before final changes can be made to the Articles. Miscellaneous infrastructure expenditures were also approved.

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority** – Badgero was not present for the meeting, however, she was aware of discussion involving updates to the soccer fields, repair of some sprinkler heads, and election of officers.

**County Commissioner** – Commissioner Bird noted that the County Recreation Plan (Parks and Trails), and Commission Board Rules had been updated.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) COLA Language Change – **Moved** by Badgero, **seconded** by Hummel accept the changes proposed by the COLA Authority. Two changes were proposed as follows:

- 1) Waiving the connection fee when a premise is demolished and reestablished and the connection fee had previously been paid. The owner will still be liable for installation costs.
- 2) Changing terminology for “Debt Charges” to “Capital Repairs Charges”

**Unanimously Approved**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** It was noted that budget preparation should be added to next month’s agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

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

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