

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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April 18, 2023

APPROVED

Members Present: Supervisor - Cory Nelson, Treasurer – Vivian Miller, Trustee - Ryan Schultz, Trustee – Danielle Hummel

Members Absent: Clerk - Jennifer Badgero

A regular meeting of the Brooks Township Board was held on the above date at the Brooks Township Hall. The 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 Hummel **seconded** by Miller to approve the agenda as presented. **Unanimously Approved**

MINUTES

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2023. **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 – \$1,693,422.34
Receipts – \$99,240.23, Disbursement - \$149,128.96 Ending Balance – \$1,643,533.66**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Schultz reported that PC Officers were re-appointed with no change. Primary discussion was focused on solar and wind energy. Williams and Works will be working with members over the next few months to address ordinance language for these forms of energy.

Fire Board Report: Chief Otteren noted that the board is in the process of obtaining quotes for truck refurbishment which is considerably cheaper than purchase of a new truck. Also, the city approved funding for half of the 3rd party study.

Coolbough Management Commission – No report – Next meeting in May

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority – No report – Next meeting in May

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority – Budget has been approved

County Commissioner – Commissioner Bird reported the following highlights:

- Clean Slate Initiative impacts may reduce the number and funding for state inmates with low level misdemeanors
- The Road Commission has agreed to maintain the Dragon Trail
- Henning Park will have WI-FI in the near future (a general speed as well as a higher speed with a higher fee amount)
- The animal shelter has received a \$550.00 grant from MDART
- The audit has been completed and a wage study is being finalized
- COA is planning to expand their bus service
- Members are encouraged to support Project Fresh and also numerous programs offered by MSU Extension. Bird also noted that MSU Extension was offering soil testing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Road Patrol 2023 – This issue is tabled until May

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Fire Board Budget –**Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to accept the budget as proposed.
Approved by Roll Call vote. AYES: Miller, Hummel, Nelson, Schultz
- 2) NCRA Budget – **Moved** by Miller, **seconded** by Hummel to approve the budget as presented.
Approved by Roll Call vote. AYES: Schultz, Nelson, Hummel, Miller

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Supervisor Nelson welcomed Vivian Miller to her new position of Treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero, _____
Township Clerk

Dianna Schaafsma _____
Deputy Clerk