

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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June 20, 2023

**APPROVED**

**Members Present:** Supervisor - Cory Nelson, Clerk - Jennifer Badgero, Treasurer – Vivian Miller, 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. 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 Miller, **seconded** by Badgero to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item #4 – Basic Life Support Classes. **Unanimously Approved**

**PUBLIC HEARING – Fire Millage**

**Moved** by Miller, **seconded** by Badgero to open the Public Hearing to discuss the special assessment and levy in the amount of \$346,343.14 (1.91962 mills) for Fire Services in the Fire Services Special Assessment District. There were no Public Comments.

**Moved** by Badgero, **seconded** by Hummel to close the hearing, and reopen the regular meeting.

**MINUTES**

**Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 16, 2023. **Unanimously Approved**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)**

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report for April - GF 101 – Beginning Balance – \$1,682,082.33  
Receipts – \$18,240.97, Disbursement - \$33,502.44, Ending Balance – \$1,666,820.86**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments received from Cindy Bumstead and Jason Wightman supporting the Cemetery Ordinance.

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission** – Schultz reported the following highlights:

- CPUD (Commercial Planned Unit Development) was passed (6 pro – 1 con)
- Tanya DeOliveira from Williams and Works provided an initial draft of a Solar and Wind Energy Ordinance along with suggestions to address increasing growth in these types of energy systems. The Board discussed the issues in depth and will make changes to the draft as necessary.

**Fire Board Report:** Hummel reported a Special Meeting is to be held 6/26/23, to discuss proposals for fire protection. They are experiencing issues with increased calls (up 30% with more than 650 calls per year) and are struggling with providing coverage with unpaid volunteers who have other jobs. Changing state requirements is also a concern.

**Coolbough Management Commission** – No meeting held

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority** – No meeting held

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority** – No meeting held.

**County Commissioner** – Commissioner Bird reported the following highlights:

- Assessing Solutions took over equalization
- Union contracts increased 6% per year over the next 3 years
- \$2500 for MTA meeting dues are on the table
- Proposal for workout room at the sheriff’s office for health and wellness purposes
- Over 2000 tires were brought in for county clean-up day
- A grant was obtained by Dale Twing to purchase 56 new recycling dumpsters

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Resolution 2023-382 Fire Millage – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Miller to approve the special assessment for Fire Millage in the amount of \$346,343.14 (1.91962 mills) for fire services in the special assessment district. **Unanimously Approved**
- 2) Ordinance 2023-100 – Cemetery – Chairman Nelson provided some background and reviewed the ordinance document. The ordinance is designed to protect public health, safety and general welfare by prohibiting cemeteries. **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to accept the ordinance as written. **Unanimously Approved**
- 3) Ordinance amendments 2023-101 –The ordinance identifies the purposes, intent, and characteristics of a Commercial Planned Unit Development (CPUD) and the ability of the Township Board to vary certain requirements that would normally be applicable. **Moved** by Schultz, **seconded** by Badgero, to approve the ordinance. **Unanimously Approved**
- 4) Basic Life Support Classes – Proposal for \$1000.00 includes three sessions of life support training (offered at variant times) for up to 6 participants. Each training will be for three (3) hours and will provide certification for skills needed to save a family member or fellow township resident’s life. Classes are planned for August with an instructor at the Fire Department and may continue based on community interest. Vivian Miller, Brooks Township Treasurer, will take the lead on this project **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Miller to accept the proposal for Basic Life Support Classes in the initial amount of \$1000.00. **Unanimously Approved**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments received

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

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

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