

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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July 18, 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 Hummel, **seconded** by Miller to approve the agenda as written. **Unanimously Approved**

MINUTES

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 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 – \$1,666,820.86

Receipts – \$85,295.02, Disbursement - \$67,585.94, Ending Balance – \$1,684,529.94

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Meeting cancelled

Fire Board Report: No meeting held

Coolbough Management Commission – Next meeting August, it was noted that the on-site porta potty had been dragged off and destroyed by vandals and may not be replaced.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority – No meeting held

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority – Badgero reported the following highlights:

- Baskets for the Henning disc golf have been ordered
- A recent issue with water at the soccer field has been resolved
- Duane DuChemin is getting quotes for cinder blocks at the dugouts at Centerline

County Commissioner – None present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Wigent Dock - Motion to file lawsuit –

The situation is currently in litigation and several written correspondence and emails have been sent to Mr. Wigent’s attorney advising that both the dock and boat on a private easement are not supported by Brooks Township Ordinances. **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero that Brooks Township commence an enforcement lawsuit in the Newaygo County Circuit Court regarding the Wigen’s off-lake property near Hess Lake at 1557 Lockwood Court to force the removal of the dock and boat on the private easement which appears to violate the Brooks Township Zoning Ordinance, and so authorize Brooks Township’s attorneys. The motion was not carried and following discussion Supervisor Nelson agreed to ask some additional questions to clarify the situation prior to a final decision. Mr. Tom Wigent and some neighbors participated in public comment to plead his case for allowing a dock to be kept on a private easement.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero, _____
Township Clerk

Dianna Schaafsma _____
Deputy Clerk