

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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October 17, 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 Badgero, **seconded** by Hummel to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2023. **Unanimously Approved**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report for August - GF 101 – Beginning Balance – \$1,692,578.33

Receipts – \$25,991.74 Disbursement - \$35,212.66 Ending Balance – \$1,683,357.41

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Schultz reported that draft solar and wind amendments had been forwarded to the township attorney for legal review. Discussion of setbacks for residential zoning districts were the main topic of the meeting.

Fire Board Report: No meeting to be held until November.

Coolbough Management Commission – No meeting held.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority – No meeting held.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority – Badgero reported the following highlights:

- The skateboard park is making progress and the back section is nearly complete. The base under the skin is solid and just needs the surface material.
- The county plans to pave the Henning Park pickle ball parking spots and are also getting a quote to do the apron area to enable sitting areas outside the courts.
- The water pump at the Welcome Center was replaced

County Commissioner – Commissioner Bird shared the following highlights:

- Enrollment is open for new insurance
- New budget – funds were borrowed from the general fund to balance
- A new methodology for wages was approved for the next 10 year period
- The tax equalization report has been issued
- The Resolution for solar and wind energy was sent to them
- Fiber optics has been updated at the County level
- The board of canvassers was elected
- COA has closed down some meal sites due to lack of help. They are placing increased emphasis on providing more transportation resources and plan to establish a \$2.00 fee for those under the age of 55.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Wigent Dock – This issue remains in pending status pending legal review

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) 2024 road project – Board member signatures were needed to authorize the 2024 road project for 84th street due to the poor quality of the road.
- 2) Pickleball Apron – paving – **Moved** by Badgero, seconded by **Nelson** to approve up to \$2000.00 to the NCRA for apron paving. **Unanimously Approved**
- 3) Museum donation – The museum fell short on construction expenses and have asked for donations. The board believes this is a good resource for the community. The issue has been placed on unfinished business to determine an amount.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Discussion was led by Nelson regarding the Quackenbush attempt to circumvent the township cemetery ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Hummel to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero, _____
Township Clerk

Dianna Schaafsma _____
Deputy Clerk

