

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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August 15, 2023

APPROVED

Members Present: Supervisor - Cory Nelson, Clerk - Jennifer Badgero, Treasurer – Vivian Miller, Trustee - Ryan Schultz

Members Absent: Trustee – Danielle Hummel

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 Nelson, **seconded** by Schultz to approve the agenda as written. **Unanimously Approved**

MINUTES

Moved by Badgero, **seconded** by Miller to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2023. **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 – \$1,684,529.94
Receipts – \$14,131.60, Disbursement - \$46,456.47 Ending Balance – \$1,652,205.07**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Schultz reported the following highlights

- A joint session with the Planning Commission was held to review Planning Commission Rolls and Responsibilities
- The draft Solar/Wind Ordinance submitted by Williams and Works was reviewed and PC members increased the lot area for Article XIV – Special Land Uses, from 20-40 acres. The ordinance will be forwarded to the Township Attorney for review prior to forwarding for final Board approval.

Fire Board Report: Next meeting 8/28

Coolbough Management Commission – Quotes are being pursued for replacement of benches. Gates have combination locks and the fire department has the codes.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority – No meeting held

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority – No meeting held

County Commissioner – Commissioner Bird reported the following highlights

- There has been a lot of discussion on nearby hydroelectric dams. There are 13 dams which need to have ownership. A stakeholder’s meeting is planned for 8/25/23.
- 911 dispatch recently installed new servers

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Wigent Dock – This issue is pending until the ZA does a complete “finding of facts”

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Approval of McGrath for fire department study – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to approve payment for half (1/2) of the expense of the fire department study. **Unanimously Approved**
- 2) New Server – **Moved** by Badgero, **seconded** by Miller to authorize the purchase of a new server from Kore Hi Com. **Unanimously Approved**
- 3) Early Voting – Contract – **Moved** by Nelson, **seconded** by Miller to discuss changes resulting from Early Voting.
 Badgero updated members on issues and options created by Early Voting, passed by Proposal 3 legislation changes. Townships/municipalities have the opportunity to contract with the County for early voting. She believes that a contract with the county may be more cost effective for the township, since Brooks would need to purchase another voting machine and a generator which appears to be more costly than contracting with the county.
 This issue has been tabled until the next Board Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **seconded** by Badgero to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero, _____
Township Clerk

Dianna Schaafsma _____
Deputy Clerk