

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

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FEBRUARY 20, 2024

**DRAFT**

**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 Cory Nelson. Pledge of Allegiance

**AGENDA:** Supervisor Cory Nelson asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to approve the agenda, with the amendment to extend public comment from two (2) to three (3) minutes. **Unanimously Approved**

**MINUTES**

**Moved** by Danielle Hummel, **seconded** by Ryan Schultz to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2024. **Unanimously Approved**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)**

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report for August - GF 101 – Beginning Balance – \$1,702,674.60  
Receipts – \$26,274.21 Disbursement - \$37,647.96 Ending Balance – \$1,691,300.85**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission** – Mark Guzniczak, recapped the highlights of the 2/19/24, PC Meeting noting that recommended approval for ordinance changes involving cemeteries was forwarded to the Brooks Township Board.

**Fire Board Report:** Danielle Hummel noted that the Fire Department completed the budget for 24/25 with no major changes.

**Coolbough Management Commission** – Vivian Miller reported that Coolbough discussed maintenance issues involving new benches, signs and clearing of brush.

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

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority** – No report

**County Commissioner** – Commissioner Brenda Bird provided the following highlights:

- ARPA Funds are being used for the following: County Courthouse renovation projected at \$75,000.00, new doors and windows for the county jail, and HVAC upgrades for various locations.
- Bids are needed for a new vault at the Register of Deeds
- Commission on Aging is increasing their transportation program
- The Sherriff’s department is planning a new facility in the vacant lot south of the current building. Storage space is currently lacking, requiring equipment storage in numerous locations. The new facility will provide adequate space for all equipment. Cost is projected at \$600,000.00

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1) Wigent Dock – This issue remains in pending status until completion of legal review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Ordinance Amendments – **Moved** by Danielle Hummel, **seconded** by Ryan Schultz to accept recommendations from the Brooks Township Planning Commission following Ordinance Amendments:
- a) New and additional Section 1.05 regarding ordinance interpretation
  - b) New and additional Section 3.28 prohibiting cemeteries
  - c) Replacement language for existing Section 2.10 regarding institutional or public uses.

**Changes were approved by Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Nelson, Miller, Schultz, Hummel**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments were received from the following individuals regarding the approved Ordinance Amendments: Marcia Reeves, Jennifer Rainey, Scott Clement, Thomas Smith, C. Mitchell George.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Attorney Bloom suggested that the PC address short term rentals.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned by Cory Nelson at 7:45 PM.

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

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

