

## **BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

(231) 652-6763

AUGUST 20, 2024

**DRAFT**

**Members Present:** Supervisor - Cory Nelson, Clerk - Jennifer Badgero, Vivian Miller, Treasurer, 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 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 as written. **Unanimously Approved**

### **MINUTES**

**Moved** by Jennifer Badgero, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 16, 2024, and the special meeting of July 23, 2024, as written. **Unanimously Approved**

### **AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

**Moved** by Cory Nelson, **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 – \$1,674,479.95  
Receipts – \$13949.27 Disbursement - \$45,844.11 Ending Balance – \$1,642,585.11**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### **REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission** – Ryan Schultz reported that four ordinance requests were recommended for approval by Brooks Township Board; two involved regulation of short-term rentals and three involved solar, wind, and battery storage systems.

**Fire Board Report** – Next meeting scheduled for 8/26/24

**Coolbough Management Commission** – Jennifer Badgero reported that new signs, trail clearing and with destruction of new benches were discussed.

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority** – Next meeting in September

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

**County Commissioner** – Commissioner Brenda Bird noted the following discussion points:

- There have been lots of grant applications  
Union contracts were discussed
- \$70,000.00 was received from the liquor tax. Forty (40) percent goes to the General Fund with the remainder going to the Sheriff’s fund for breath tests and other related items.
- A grant of \$100,000.00 was accepted for recycling (recycling is sorted by the county contractor and shipped elsewhere).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Zoning Ordinance amendments will be addressed in the September meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments were received regarding the poor road conditions on the south side of Hess Lake and the results of the recent court hearing involving the cemetery ordinance.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Cory Nelson noted that all members identified were released from the recent cemetery ordinance lawsuit. He noted concern regarding the Judge’s handling of the hearing and felt the Judge was combative to the township attorney. The township plans to appeal the findings.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

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

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