

## **BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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FEBRUARY 18, 2025

**DRAFT**

**Members Present:** Supervisor - Cory Nelson, Clerk - Jennifer Badgero, Trustee – Ryan Schultz, Trustee - Danielle Hummel

**Members Absent:** Treasurer – Vivian Miller

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 Jennifer Badgero to approve the agenda as written. **Unanimously Approved**

### **MINUTES**

**Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of of January 21, 2025, as written. **Unanimously Approved**

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

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

### **TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)**

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report for December - GF 101 – Beginning Balance-\$1,612,452.47 Receipts – \$56774.89 Disbursement \$81,232.55- \$Ending Balance – 1,587,994.81**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments were received regarding concerns about cemeteries being located too close to wellhead areas due to potential water contamination.

### **REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission** – Ryan Schultz reported that the Planning Commission passed cemetery related ordinance changes, as well as junk and blight changes and setback standards. The 2024 PC Annual Report was passed and will be submitted to the township board. Two individuals spoke in favor of the recent cemetery ordinance changes.

**Fire Board Report** – Danielle Hummel reported that the board worked on the budget review and will meet again in February to continue work on the review.

**Coolbough Management Commission** – Jennifer Badgero reported that the metal signs were being refurbished on Croton Road. Unveiling of the new signs is scheduled for 4/24/25, at 3PM. Plans for boardwalk replacement will occur after the snow melts.

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

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority** – Jennifer Badgero reported that 25/26 meeting dates were set, the budget was passed for 25/26, and the County Parks Commissioner is leaving. Completion of the disc golf course is planned by fall of 2025.

**County Commissioner** – Brenda Bird gave an update on the following items:

- Nick Smith resigned from the County Parks Commission
- COA is taking grant money for area aging
- A new meal site is being established in the Grant Community Center. Meals will be prepared in White Cloud and transported to Grant.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Accessory Dwelling Unit – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero to accept as changed. **Unanimously Approved**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Open Board Appointments – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to appoint Chris Haynor to the Board of Review as an alternate member. **Unanimously Approved**
- 2) Resolution 2025-390 /Goose Round Up – Moved by Jennifer Badgero, seconded by Ryan Schultz to accept the resolution as written. **Unanimously Approved**
- 3) PC Ordinance Amendments – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero to accept the ordinance changes as submitted by the Planning Commission. **Cemetery Ordinance Changes Approved by Roll Call Vote - YEA’S** – Nelson, Badgero, Schultz, Hummel **NAY’S** – None **Remaining Ordinance changes submitted - Unanimously Approved**
- 4) NCRA Budget – Moved by Ryan Schultz, seconded by Danielle Hummel to pass the NCRA Budget. **Unanimously Approved**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The question was raised as to whether a cemetery lot can be located on a residential lot.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero  
Brooks Township Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Dianna Schaafsma \_\_\_\_\_  
Brooks Township Deputy Clerk