

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD  
NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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January 17, 2017

APPROVED

**Members Present:** Supervisor – Cory Nelson, Clerk – Jennifer Badgero,  
Treasurer – Christina Haynor, Trustee – Ken Page, Trustee – Ryan Schultz

**Members Absent:** None

A regular meeting of the Brooks Township Board was held on the above date at the Brooks Township Hall. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Cory Nelson.

Pledge of Allegiance

**AGENDA:** Supervisor Nelson asked for additions or corrections to the agenda.

**Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Schultz to accept the agenda with the addition of summer road patrol under New Business.

Approved Unanimously

**MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Schultz, **Seconded** by Haynor to accept the minutes of the Regular December 13, 2016 Township Board meeting as written.

Approved Unanimously

**Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Page to accept the minutes of the Special January 5, 2017 Township Board meeting as written.

Approved Unanimously

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

**Moved** by Nelson, **Seconded** by Schultz to pay the bills as presented.

Approved Unanimously

**TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)**

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented.**

**GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$764,574.42, Receipts \$18,028.83, Disbursements \$19,406.24,  
Ending Balance \$763,197.01.**

**PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$ .00, Receipts \$10,160.65, Disbursements \$10,160.65,  
Ending Balance \$ .00.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments received

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission:** Schultz said the PC finished going through the Master Plan. There were few changes. There was a public hearing in regards to rezoning a residential parcel to commercial. The PC voted unanimously to change it. It needs to be approved by the Township Board now. It was not added to the agenda, so they will call a special meeting.

**Zoning Administrator:** (see attached)

**Fire Board Report:** The meeting was January 11. The Amendment to the agreement has been approved by both the Township Board and City Council, so the paperwork was signed to purchase the new tanker truck. The budget for 2017-18 is in the beginning stages. There were over 500 calls for service in 2016.

**Newaygo Community District Library:** Meetings are still the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, but are now at 5:30. New officers for the coming year have been elected.

**Coolbough Management Commission:** Haynor said their next meeting is in February.

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority:** Supervisor Nelson reported everything is going well. There has been no freezing that he is aware of. Everett Township has also replaced a couple of their board members. They are working on the budget. They have done a comparative salary survey and have given raises.

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority:** The Rec Plan has been approved by every jurisdiction and is now going to be submitted to the state. Garfield Township is having a meeting to discuss options for putting two baseball diamonds on the property by their township hall. Duane DuChemin is going to contact Ryan Pendergast in regards to using Vets field again as he has purchased that property.

**County Commissioner:** No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Road moving/attorney authorization:**

**Old Dam Road/Doug Bart – Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Page to authorize Cliff Bloom to speak to Doug Bart’s attorney, not to exceed a cost of \$500 to the township.  
**Approved Unanimously**

**2. Summer Road Patrol – Newaygo Co Sherriff’s Dept:**

Supervisor Nelson met with Sherriff Mendam and Undersherriff Palmiter today to discuss costs for summer patrols. Last year we contracted with them to patrol just on the three holiday

weekends. We were given costs for several different options. We also have the option of purchasing a battery powered sign that indicates the speed cars are travelling at. The cost for that is about \$3500 and the Sherriff's Department would maintain and move it for us. The County will also be ordering a speed study for Hess Lake. We will discuss in more detail at our February meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments received.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Badgero said there are trainings for new board members. The Citizens Planner needs to be completed. There also is a workshop put on by MTA.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.  
Approved Unanimously

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Jennifer Badgero – Clerk