

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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November 17, 2015

APPROVED

Members Present: Supervisor – Cory Nelson, Clerk – Jennifer Badgero,
Treasurer – Christina Haynor, Trustee – Mike Bouwer, Trustee – Kim Roehrig

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 Roehrig, **Seconded** by Badgero to accept the agenda as presented.
Approved Unanimously

MINUTES:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Bouwer to accept the minutes of the Regular October 20, 2015 Township Board Meeting and Special joint meeting with Croton Township on September 15, 2015 as written.
Approved Unanimously

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Roehrig to pay the bills as presented.
Approved Unanimously

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented.

**GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$810,796.86, Receipts \$21,897.78, Disbursements \$44,497.28,
Ending Balance \$810,796.86.**

**PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$9,800.31, Disbursements \$9,800.31,
Ending Balance \$.00.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Bower reported the PC held a Public Hearing last month for a Conditional Zoning Request to allow a pole barn used by Wisner's for storage in a residential area. This will be discussed again this month at the PC. If the PC approves the Conditional Zoning Request, it will go to the Township Board for their approval.

The PC is also working on signs in the Commercial District and dwelling standards regarding the square footage allowed in residential homes. There will also be a site plan review this month.

Zoning Administrator: (See attached) Compared to last year there has been more zoning compliance permits issued so far this year.

Fire Board Report: Badgero said the Fire Board met last week. ~~Garfield had asked to have a representative at the meeting but no one showed up.~~ Their contract with the Fire Board had previously been extended to February 11, 2016. The Board worked on their budget. The ISO ratings changed.

There has been discussion for a full time paid chief. Nothing to report at this time.

Newaygo Community District Library: Sharon Haege reported on October 30 the library had 'Reading is a Treat'. There were 75 children in attendance. On November 12 and 13 they had a canned food drive. If you brought in canned food, you received a book. Fifty eight (58) children have signed up for the 1,000 book challenge before kindergarten. There will be a cookie sale at the Stream during the Christmas Walk December 4. On November 13, Kelly Tinkham visited Vera Wilsie and Velma Matson to collect the children's food and read to classes. We distributed 675 books that came from a Grant from the Fremont Area Foundation.

The embezzling investigation is still ongoing. The police said it may take until December.

Coolbough Management Commission: Haynor reported they had their meeting last Wednesday. There was discussion on the horse trail in Coolbough off 58th Street. Horses have to exit trail onto the road which is dangerous. The trail runs parallel with the road so we gave them permission to use that trail for horseback riding to make it safer. Haynor said they will check to be sure there isn't some species there that could be damaged.

There was also questions on the Red Pine harvesting there. There is an eight (8) acre section that has been put on hold for now. There was an issue that some trees might have been cut off property that didn't belong to Coolbough. A survey will be done of the eastern edge to be sure where the property line is. We hope to have this resolved by December. Coolbough received money from the pine harvest so it will not cost the Township any money.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Jim Dutkiewicz reported they have received two (2) new pumps. These will be backups to the lift stations if anything goes wrong. Flow is down which is natural because the summer residents are gone. We worked with Schulz's and have had three (3) lines dug up that froze in the past. They put Styrofoam over that and tar paper, then back filled.

There hadn't been a problem except for the last two years. The problem is they aren't sure where the shallow lines are.

We are working with residents that go away to put antifreeze in so they won't have any problems. They have caught up on maintenance.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero said the only major thing is they are redoing the recreation plan. There will not be a meeting in December. Everything has been winterized.

County Commissioner: Larry Lethorn said Abby Watkins was named Emergency Director of the Year. They are closing in on the final phases of the 911 system. They received a \$350,000 grant for 911 with Oceana, Mason and Newaygo. The last thing they have to do is replace the phone system for that particular system. It take approximately six months to take place including the training. It will be updated, modernized, and microwaved in so it will be a very good 911 system.

They have looked at three (3) new consoles which cost \$140,000 a piece that aren't involved in the grant. The console is where the dispatchers sit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of NCRA members – 2 year terms.

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Bouwer to reappoint Badgero and Goodin the NCRA Board for two years.

Approved Unanimously

2. Sheriff's Patrol: Nelson inquired into the cost of having a part time sheriff patrol around the lakes. He has had complaints from residents. There was discussion on the speed limit in different areas and different dates an extra patrol might be needed. This can be talked about when next year's budget is done.

3. Resolution 2015-321 Hess/Brooks Lake Sewer:

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Badgero to pass Resolution 2015-321

There was discussion on this project and if we needed to have this resolution done. Updates have not been brought to the township from Hess and Brooks regarding this special assessment.

Ayes: Bouwer, Haynor, Nelson, Roehrig

Nay: Badgero

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Bouwer to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.
Approved Unanimously

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk

Maureen Dutkiewicz – Recording Secretary