

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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December 13, 2016

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 Badgero to accept the agenda with the addition of a letter from Brooks Lake Association under New Business.
Approved Unanimously

MINUTES:

Moved by Badgero, **Seconded** by Haynor to accept the minutes of the Regular November 15, 2016 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 \$720,771.43, Receipts \$71,698.08, Disbursements \$27,895.09,
Ending Balance \$764,574.42.**

**PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$10,429.57, Disbursements \$10,429.57,
Ending Balance \$.00.**

New board members asked question in regards to the Treasurer’s Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Schultz said the PC finished going through chapter four of the Master Plan. There were few changes in this chapter. The Harris property was cleaned up and is in compliance with the zoning ordinance. There will be a public hearing next week in regards to rezoning a residential parcel to commercial.

Zoning Administrator: (see attached)

Fire Board Report: There has not been a meeting since last month. The Fire Board is hoping to hear from Attorney Cliff Bloom on purchasing vehicles. Pierce has extended the pricing quote on the tanker truck into January. The Fire Board is in need of a new tanker truck that holds 1,609 gallons of water. There were 17 calls last month.

Newaygo Community District Library: No report this month.

Coolbough Management Commission: Haynor said their next meeting is in February. The Michigan Nature Association will contract out to get the tree tops cleaned up that were previously cut. There was discussion on plowing the parking lot in the winter.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Jim Dutkiewicz reported everything is going well. They have gotten work done lately that they previously couldn't get to. The flow is 40,000 a day.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: There wasn't a quorum for the November meeting. The next meeting is in January.

County Commissioner: No report.

1. NCRA: Resolution 2016-327

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Badgero to pass Resolution 2016-327.

There was discussion on the number of members on the board to be sure it was listed correctly. The update included designating the Muskegon River as a "blue trail".

Approved Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Appointments:

Library Board – Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to reappoint Elizabeth Pitzer and appoint Jennifer Page to terms ending in 2020 and Jamie Baker to fill out the rest of the at large term of Kim Roehrig ending in 2019.

Approved Unanimously

Board of Review – Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Schultz to reappoint Frank Janusz, Jim Dutkiewicz, Ryan Pendergast and alternate Don Cornell until 2019.

Approved Unanimously

Coolbough – **Moved** by Nelson, **Seconded** by Haynor to retain the current members of Jennifer Badgero and Chris Haynor.

Approved Unanimously

ZBA – **Moved** by Nelson, **Seconded** by Page to appoint Ken Page as the alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Approved Unanimously

Planning Commission: **Moved** by Schultz, **Seconded** by Nelson to appoint Ryan Schultz as the Township Board Representative on the PC.

Approved Unanimously

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Page to appoint Danielle Hummel to the PC to fill the vacant position.

Approved Unanimously

2. Letter from Brooks Lake Association:

Brooks Lake Association is looking into the possibility of obtaining grants to purchase part of the Shurmur property that is the wetlands at the edge of Brooks Lake. The swamp land helps as a filter for the lake. There was discussion on obtaining grants and suggestions they contact Ryan Coffey who is the land use coordinator.

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 8:20 p.m.

Approved Unanimously

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk

Maureen Dutkiewicz – Recording Secretary