

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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February 21, 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 Badgero to accept the agenda as presented.

Approved Unanimously

MINUTES:

Moved by Schultz, **Seconded** by Page to accept the minutes of the Regular January 17, 2017 Township Board meeting and special meetings of January 19, 2017 and February 14, 2017 as written.

Approved Unanimously

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

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

Approved Unanimously

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented.

**GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$879,851.26, Receipts \$116,654.25, Disbursements \$27,889.35,
Ending Balance \$851,961.91.**

**PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$10,188.98, Disbursements \$10,188.98,
Ending Balance \$.00.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Schultz reported the PC meeting last month was cancelled. Nothing to report.

Zoning Administrator: (see attached report)

Fire Board Report: Badgero said their next meeting is March 8 at 7:00 p.m. Del Herdis was appointed as a new member. John Schneider from the city resigned and Mike King was appointed to take his place on the board. They are continuing to do training.

Newaygo Community District Library: No report.

Coolbough Management Commission: Haynor reported they had a meeting on February 8. If we don't get more snow, they probably will not be able to do any more burns. They are still working on cleaning up the tops of the trees that were cut. They decided to hire someone instead of relying on volunteers. Whoever they hire in the future to do cuttings will be vetted more carefully.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Jim Dutkiewicz reported everything is going well. We did not have any freeze ups this winter. That could possibly be because the weather has been milder. The volume is about the same as other winters. Camp Henry did some work by cutting off their water softeners to lower their volume of output.

There are two new representatives for Everett Township; Jim Brienling and Duane Witter. Rob Kinninburgh from Garfield Township will temporarily be the new Chairman of the board until someone else volunteers. Cory is on a committee to look into the salaries of the employees. We don't want to lose some of the workers so we want to be sure their salaries are comparable to other plants.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero said the next meeting will be March 9.

County Commissioner: Vern Willett reported the commissioners had discussions on increasing the Road Commission to five members. There has been a FOIA request. Willett would like to see more openness in government.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Summer Road Patrol:

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Badgero to allocate funds for sheriff patrol around Hess and Brooks Lakes and Thornapple for three days a week. Badgero said they will concentrate on that area but will cover the whole township.

Schultz said he thought the area the patrol covers should be paying for the extra road patrol. We shouldn't be paying someone who should already be doing the job they are paid to do. Page said the State Police doesn't have the man power to be able to cover all the areas.

There was a lot of discussion including the township paying extra for deputies doing the river patrol and having speed signs put out to slow drivers.

Roll Call:

Ayes – Nelson, Badgero, Page

Nays – Haynor, Schultz

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Haynor said paying for extra road patrol could make a bigger issue. If we continue to do this then we subsidize the sheriff's patrol and we already pay two mills for road patrol. Is this a township issue or a county wide issue? Maybe the county needs to ask for more millage to be able to pay for it. We could be sending the message that we will pay for it and the county won't worry about it. After a year, we'll know what to do.

Page thinks we need to do something with the road patrol for the summer. The township does need to be proactive and protect the citizens of Brooks Township. Schultz would like to see the logs from these patrols and where they are making the traffic stops when they are on duty.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Badgero, **Seconded** by Haynor to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Approved Unanimously

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk

Maureen Dutkiewicz – Recording Secretary