

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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March 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 Schultz, **Seconded** by Haynor to accept the agenda as presented.

Approved Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Badgero, **Seconded** by Haynor to recess the regular township board meeting and open the public hearing on the 2016-17 Budget.

Approved Unanimously

There were question regarding contributions to NCEDO and how that money helps in the county. There were also questions on why the budget doesn't show a break down. Badgero said that it didn't have to give each item under a category.

Questions were asked about the recycling center and cost to run it. Recycling really doesn't make money and it is costing more and more to keep it open. Our recycle station sends everything to Kent County.

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to close the public hearing and go back into the regular Township Board meeting

Approved Unanimously

MINUTES:

Moved by Schultz, **Seconded** by Page to accept the minutes of the Regular February 21, 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 \$851,961.91, Receipts \$44,416.36, Disbursements \$28,148.99, Ending Balance \$868,229.28.

PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$8,925.65, Disbursements \$8,925.65, Ending Balance \$.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Pat Baker said the PC has been working on the Master Plan. The draft is completed and will be discussed at next Monday’s meeting. The PC has also been discussing the removal of trees and right of ways.

Zoning Administrator: (No report) The ZA was gone the month of February. Nelson did permits in his absence.

Fire Board Report: Badgero said the Fire Board passed its budget. There was talk about the dive team and communication. Del Hirdes said he wanted to get all the numbers broken out with regards to Garfield Township on a run per call basis. He wants the figures to be fair to Newaygo City and Brooks Township. There was discussion on fire board members.

Newaygo Community District Library: No report.

Coolbough Management Commission: Haynor said they haven’t met since our last meeting. However, the tree cutting issue has been resolved. There was a controlled burn last Wednesday at Coolbough. The Township wasn’t notified ahead of time in order to be able to notify the neighbors about the burn. The Township did have calls on it. The clean-up wasn’t good so we will not be charged.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Jim Dutkiewicz said he and Nelson were at the last meeting. Nelson has set up a committee regarding salaries to be sure we are competitive with others. The COLA Board did give the manager a raise. One of the operators is to take a class C operator license class. He would then be able to manage the plant.

This winter they have been doing check- ups and repairs to equipment.

Questions were raised about the odor from the substation at 56th and Centerline. That will be checked into.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero said they have passed their budget. There was minor modifications to the recreation plan. It was submitted to the state.

County Commissioner: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **NCEDO** – Ryan Rudiz, Secretary for the Board at NCEDO, gave a presentation on NCEDO. He said they formed a partnership with The Right Place in Grand Rapids regarding economic development. He said they would like to give young people training and keep them working in Newaygo County. There are a lot of different organizations involved in NCEDO. They help with grants for communities. A redevelopment plan has to be engaged by October in order to apply for a grant. The funding has changed and they are looking for funding from private businesses. They are hoping to raise \$104,000, \$.50 per person in the township which would be about \$11,084 for Brooks Township.

This will be on the township agenda next month.

2. **Sherriff Mendham:** This will be on the agenda next month.

3. **PC Appointments: Moved** by Nelson, **Seconded** by Schultz to reappoint Danielle Hummel, Phil Knape and Cheryl Rosen to the planning commission.
Approved Unanimously

It was brought out that all planning commission members need to take the Citizen Planner program. It helps better prepare the PC in dealing with different situations. This gives them good training.

4. **Resolution 2017-328 (New voting system)** Badgero said the county is looking at buying new voting machines. They have done a contract with Dominion Systems. We do not pay for them. But we do have to pass this resolution in order to be a part of the grant.

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Badgero to pass Resolution 2017-328.

Roll Call - Ayes: Nelson, Haynor, Badgero, Page, Schultz

Nays - None

Approved Unanimously

5. **Petit Lake WRTIFA Budget:**

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to approve the TIFA Budget for Petite Lake.

Approved Unanimously

6. NCRA Budget:

Moved by Badgero, **Seconded** by Nelson to approve the NCRA Budget.
Approved Unanimously

7. Fire District Budget: Badgero said there isn't a lot of changes. Question on line item 710. Badgero said the Fire Board belongs to a couple of associations. It also had to do with changing the system they use for all their calls and going to a web based system.

There was discussion on different items including Garfield, the dive team, and making sure we have insurance coverage. However, as of now the budget total didn't go way up. They can't state a millage rate as that is based on our taxable value. We can't do that until after the board of review and this year it was extended a week. Today was the last day so hopefully we can get those totals soon.

After more discussion it was decided to table this until we get all the figures and if need be a special board meeting can be held.

8. Resolution 2017-329 Budget:

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Haynor to approve Resolution 2017-329 Budget.
Approved Unanimously

9. Resolution 2017-330 General Appropriations:

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Page to approve Resolution 2017-330.
Approved Unanimously

10. Resolution 2017-331 Annual Resolution

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Page to approve Resolution 2017-331.
Approved Unanimously

11. Resolution 2017-332 Fee Schedule

Moved by Badgero, **Seconded** by Page to approve Resolution 2017-332.
Approved Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Page to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.
Approved Unanimously

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk

Maureen Dutkiewicz – Recording Secretary