

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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April 18, 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 as presented.
Approved Unanimously

MINUTES:

Moved by Nelson, **Seconded** by Haynor to accept the minutes of the Regular March 21, 2017 Township Board Meeting as written.
Approved Unanimously

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented.
GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$868,229.28, Receipts \$64,953.30, Disbursements \$28,554.57, Ending Balance \$904,628.01.
PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$8,109.28, Disbursements \$8,109.28, Ending Balance \$.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Pat Baker said the PC approved the Master Plan. The PC has also been discussing the removal of trees, woodboilers and right of ways. They also elected officers to

remain the same for this year. She also attended the Croton Township PC meeting. They do not currently have a medical marijuana ordinance. It has been suggested to set up a joint meeting with them and Attorney Bloom to sort out the new legislation. There will be a training at the Sheriffs office on June 8 on the changes in legislation.

Zoning Administrator: (Attached)

Fire Board Report: Badgero said the Chiefs report was emailed last week. The next meeting is May 10.

Newaygo Community District Library: No report. Nelson will check with the Library director about giving us a monthly report.

Coolbough Management Commission: Haynor said they haven't met since our last meeting. The next meeting is May 10 at Coolbough. They will be meeting there to see how much clean up still is required for removal of the tops.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: There was no meeting this month.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority: Badgero said they are currently working on the maintenance of the soccer and baseball fields.

County Commissioner: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Sheriff Mendham** – Sheriff Mendham and Undersheriff Palmiter discussed the river patrol and the summer contract and what to expect as far as monthly reports and communication with our board. Mendham plans to work with all municipalities throughout the county to continue to provide the best possible service.
2. **Fire board budget** – Millage rate for the budget presented is 1.64 mills. **Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Page to approve the fire board budget as presented. Approved Unanimously
3. **NCEDO** – **Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to contribute \$1500 for this fiscal year. Approved Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Mark Guzniczak RRC Process** – Mark presented a Community Development plan that had the framework and platform to help with zoning processes. Most of their plans support the structure that the township is created under. They assist in grant funding at no cost to the township. They also have a re-development ready plan that involves passing a resolution and a township member taking a 2 day evaluation class. There is also a broadband initiative meeting on May 12.

2. 10 acre parcel donation: A private party is interested in donating a 10 acre parcel north of Coolbough. It is not connected and a ways away. Haynor will contact them to let them know we have no interest.

3. Fireboard rep – public hearing to remove Nelson: Moved by Page, Seconded by Schultz to hold a public hearing at the May 16 board meeting to remove Dennis Nelson from the Fire board for not communicating with board members and public attacks on elected officials. Approved 3-2 Ayes-Nelson, Page, Schultz. Nays – Haynor, Badgero.

4. Recycling - Discussion on concerns with paying the current invoice and where the funding will go. It is still in the budget, so we will continue to pay until they cease operations.

5. Edge pathway rep: Moved by Schultz, **Seconded** by Page to approve Badgero as the representative to the Edge pathway committee. This position was previously held by Kurt Giberson. Approved Unanimously

6. Road Millage: There was discussion on what options were to get information out for a road millage. The options are getting a survey together, putting an article in the newsletter and mailing out postcards. Page indicated he would also be willing to go door to door. Badgero and Haynor will work on getting an online survey set up.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk