

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

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July 18, 2017

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**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 Page to accept the agenda as presented.

Approved Unanimously

**MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to accept the minutes of the Regular June 20, 2017 Township Board Meeting as written.

Approved Unanimously

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

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

Approved Unanimously

**TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)**

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented.**

**GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$856,461.41, Receipts \$6946.05, Disbursements \$77,559.59, Ending Balance \$785,847.87**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission:** Schultz discussed that the people of Hess and Brooks Lake were not in favor of removing the greenbelt. Talking about removing the ordinance or defining it, ours is not well drafted and recommended to define it or remove it as it is not defensible in court. There was also discussion about wind/solar farms. Nothing is written if we could add a section. Haynor

commented about they have looked into and there could be a noise issue also she was not sure if there were any areas in Brooks Township that could house a solar farm and that we have looked into it before. Badgero commented someone from out of state has also called wanting to know what ordinances we had. Schultz informed of a taxi service question and said it will be discussed at August meeting.

**Zoning Administrator: (Attached)**

**Fire Board Report:** The next meeting is tomorrow at 7:00 pm

**Newaygo Community District Library:** The summer reading program increased in numbers and they are working on budget for next year.

**Coolbough Management Commission:** There was a cleanup day on June 24 and a lot of brush was removed. There should be a bill submitted to the township for fuel costs incurred by the Botts.

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority:** COLA, Nelson stated there was a meeting, they are making some headway but have some personnel issues, one gentleman has passed his D license and received a raise. He has now registered to take his C license. Schultz expressed concern on the smell of sewer near 56<sup>th</sup> & Centerline. Someone needs to get ahold of Muskegon County and give the information guys a report. Nelson says he will have Bob Keller go out there.

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority:** Soccer fields look nice, water and fertilizer working. There is discussion with Garfield Township about possibly putting baseball fields out there in the future.

**County Commissioner:** No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Appointment of 2 Fireboard Position-** there was response from the newspaper ad and they had a qualified candidate but no one really knew him. Haynor and Badgero expressed this person was the most qualified with his experience. **Moved** by Page, **Seconded** by Nelson to appoint Danielle Hummel to the fire board.  
Roll Call – Ayes: Nelson, Schultz and Page  
Nays: Haynor, Badgero  
Motion Carried  
**Moved** by Nelson, **Seconded** by Badgero to appoint Ken Page to the fire board.  
Roll Call- Ayes: Nelson, Schultz, Page, Badgero, Haynor  
Motion carried
- 2. Resolution for video calls 2017-330:** This will allow voting when there is a special circumstance such as a death in family etc. **Moved** by Nelson, **Seconded** by Page , All in favor

- 3. RRC Resolution 2017-332:** This will help our town get ready for new development. It is a program for consulting. They will match 50/50 match up to \$20,000. Ken will attend the class. **Moved by** Nelson, **Seconded** by Schultz, All in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Remodel bids for township:** The current building has not been remodeled in 22 years. There is need for drywall repair, paint, ceilings, and carpet. There is currently 2 bids on the table within a few thousand dollars apart and within the same timeline. There was no response from the newspaper add that ran for 2-3 months. Schultz questioning large amount for the project and asking for more bids. **Moved** by Badgero to award to lowest bidder after contacting Tom Williams about time frame and cost. **Seconded** by Haynor.

Roll Call – Ayes: Nelson, Badgero, Haynor and Page

Nays: Schultz

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments received.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Schultz asked about MTA dues.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved** by Haynor, **Seconded** by Nelson to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Approved Unanimously

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Jennifer Badgero – Clerk