

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337
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December 13, 2011

Approved

Members Present: Supervisor – Les Salacina, Clerk – Jennifer Badgero, Treasurer – Christina Haynor,
Trustee – Billie Deater and Trustee – Marc Libants

Members Absent: None

Public Present: Warren Bender and nine members of the public present.

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 Les Salacina.

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA: Chairman Salacina asked for additions or corrections to the agenda.

Moved by Badgero, **Seconded** by Libants to accept the agenda as written.

Ayes – All

Nays – None

Motion Carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Deater, **Seconded** by Haynor to accept the minutes of the Regular, November 15, 2011 Township Board meeting as presented.

Ayes – All

Nays – None

Motion Carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Salacina, Badgero, Haynor, Deater, Libants

Nays – None

Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report as presented.

GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$623,978.29, Receipts \$94,942.89, Disbursements \$181,406.47, Ending Balance \$537,514.71.

PA 103 – Beginning Balance \$.00, Receipts \$10,960.57, Disbursements \$10,960.57.

Ending Balance \$.00.

CD 246– Beginning Balance \$102,127.83, Receipts \$.00, Disbursements \$.00, Ending Balance \$102,127.83

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Billie Deater said the PC is working on ordinance review, specifically definition on lodges, clearing of land, cul-de-sacs, anti-noise ordinance, district land uses, and wet land ordinances among others.

Zoning Administrator: (See attached) There were 85 permits issued so far this year. Last year at this time we had 92. There are 61 open violations with nine closed since November.

Fire Board Report: The next meeting will be in February. They hope to have a new person appointed to the board by January.

Newaygo Area District Library: Nothing to report. The next meeting will be next week Tuesday.

Coolbough Management Commission: No meeting scheduled until after the 1st of the year.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority: Salacina said at a special meeting they decided to move along on the reissuance of the bond. They will check into it and if it can save money by reissuing the bond, they will do it. If it won't save money, they won't go through with it.

NCRA: Meeting cancelled for this month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. River Patrol 2012: There is the possibility this coming year of having six townships involved in the river patrol program. They are working on two proposals. It could be patrolled on Saturday and Sundays or Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Sheriff Mercer thought Saturday and Sunday was enough unless it is a holiday weekend. There would be extra patrol those weekends.

Salacina said if all six townships along the river are involved it would cost each \$1,500 per township. The last couple years it was funded by a Grant. The first year we contributed \$3,000 which is two years worth of our liquor control money. That does help to pay for it. Brooks Township has a big area on the river.

We are charged differently if it is a certified officer or a marine officer. You have to have one certified officer in case tickets have to be written. They have two patrol boats. There are DNR officers available too. We don't know how much they are there as they are looking for fishing violations and go all over the county.

Townships involved in this are Big Prairie, Croton, Brooks, Garfield, Ashland, and Bridgeton.

This will be put on Unfinished Business next month before we decide on the money to budget for it. Salacina said they do not need to know until March.

2. County Surveyor – Remonumentation 2012: The county surveyor is putting in monuments around the county so we can use the GPS to locate all areas. He has been working on this for a few years. One monument cost \$714. They use the money from the recording of the deeds. We get three or four done a year. We will look at the budget before determining if we can do more than one extra this year. We have 20 left to do in Brooks Township.

Moved by Libants, **Seconded** by Haynor to get one extra monument over the three or four.

Ayes – All

Nays – None

Motion Carried.

3. Hess Lake Board Representative: Salacina said Dick Besser recommended the board approve Cheryl Rosen for the Hess Lake Board Representative replacing Besser.

Moved by Libants, **Seconded** by Badgero to appoint Cheryl Rosen to the Hess Lake Board.

Ayes – All

Nays – None

Motion Carried.

4. NCRA Board Members: The term is up for Badgero and Salacina on the NCRA Board.

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Deater to reappointment on the NCRA Board.

Ayes – All

Nays – None

Motion Carried.

5. Sale of Township Property located on Centerline Ct.: We have received a request for purchase of a non-conforming platted lot on Centerline. The township has had this property since 1991. The intent, when purchased, was to sell it for a profit. The people who have bid on this parcel own the land next to it and across the street. They want to tear a cottage down and build a year round home. This makes their lot wide enough to be able to do it.

Our assessor said the lot is valued at between \$3,000 and \$4,000. They offered \$3,500. The sale of this property is on condition that they combine this parcel with their other lots. The bid came from Ted and Lisa O’Neal. They will pay cash for the parcel. The township will provide a clear title to the parcel. It will be combined and then be on the tax roll. The township will do this with a Quit Claim Deed as Salacina said we need to provide them with a clear title. O’Neal’s said they would pay the recording fees and the combination is free.

Moved by Haynor, **Seconded** by Badgero to accept the O’Neal’s offer of \$3,500 for the platted lot next to theirs on Centerline.

Ayes – All

Nays – None

Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative: Libants said the House did pass HB5126 to allow the county boards to take over the powers, duties, and functions of road commissions. However, a significant change was made to the final version as the county board would need to submit the issue to the electorate before an elected road commission could be dissolved. However, if the road commission were appointed, a resolution passed by majority vote of the county board would be sufficient to eliminate the road commission.

Libants asked about the four wheelers. They told him if you are in your car and have an accident with a four wheeler, your car insurance takes care of you. If they are on a quad, their auto insurance takes care of them. But if they are off in the woods and have an accident that is a separate issue because a car isn't involved.

Intergovernmental: Nothing to report

Communications: Nothing to report

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received from the public.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Libants, **Seconded** by Badgero to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Ayes – All

Nays – None

Motion Carried.

Jennifer Badgero – Clerk

Maureen Dutkiewicz – Recording Secretary