

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference.

Present: Trustees Browning (Beulah), Downs (Beulah), Hook (Beulah), Loll (Beulah), Smith (Beulah) and VanDePerre (Beulah), Treasurer Lumm (Beulah), Clerk Olney (Beulah), Pam Sudney (Homestead Twp), ZA Carland (Benzonia Twp), County Commissioner Nye (Benzonia)
Absent: Superintendent Brady Streeter
Public: Jeff & Karen Haynes, Barb Skurdall

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Downs, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Abstain: Loll Motion carried.

Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 Budget Hearing as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Abstain: Loll Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve payment of the bills for December 2020 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, provided an update from the County Commission regarding the Health Department's vaccine distribution; two employees have resigned – County Commissioner Linda Farrell and Finance Manager Susan Boyd; two changes happening at the Government Center – bulletproof glass at the Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds counters and technology upgrades to the board meeting room; Bob Roelofs continues as Chair for 2021 and Rhonda was elected Vice Chair for 2021.

ZA Carland reported on emails from the laundromat owners and their realtor regarding water services; Margaret to see if they are paying 3 RTS due to have two apartments as well.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Hook, to accept the Treasurer's report for December 2020 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – reported on the water lead on Christmas Eve, Elmer’s have been brought back in and Gosling Czubak as well, there will be a telephone conference update tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Cross Connection violation letters have been sent to the businesses telling them what correction is required. Asset Management – we have purchased the software to input the assets in, which is what EGLE requires. Hope to improve reporting, record keeping, maintenance, repairs needed.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – stated regarding the Short-Term Rental committee, that Shari Bock is working on a sample ordinance and then they will be scheduling another meeting.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – Sediment Basin dredging bids went out to 4 but only 1 responded – Elmer’s – and their bid was on the high side. Suggesting to reject the bid, wait and rebid in the early Spring. Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to reject the bid from Elmer’s for the settling basin dredging and rebid in early Spring to be done in late Summer. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee _____: Parks/Recreation – New Chair, Annie Browning – no report.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – New Chair, DeAnn Loll; former Chair VanDePerre thanked Vicki Carpenter for her help with the sidewalk snow removal project; the Snow Removal Ordinance says that the business owners can push the snow into the street between 1:00 – 5:00 a.m., then the Village will remove with our equipment. If it is put in the street after 5:00 a.m., the snow will go right back onto the sidewalk; Street Parking – no overnight parking.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – everything is running fine.

DPW Brady Streeter: Not present.

Old Business: None

Trustee Hook asked about the Act 51 report; Clerk Olney stated that it has been completed and an email from the state has been received; Pam indicated that she did the report one year and used information from Laura from the prior year. Clerk stated that she believes this report should be completed by someone other than the Clerk – it is financial information and history (past and future) regarding street projects.

New Business: Meeting dates for 2021 provided to council.

7:20 p.m. Public Input

Barb Skurdall reported on the Benzonia Ice Rink and a fund-raising effort to help defray repairs; requested a donation from the Village.

Vicki Carpenter, CLCBA, reported that they are still working on alternatives for a Winterfest; the curbside chili portion is OK.

Pam Sudney, Office Assistant, asked Annie to stop into the office to go over the dock and campground paperwork; you will need to find a Trailer Park Manager

Dawn Olney, Clerk, reported that she has published in the Record Patriot the No Parking Notice for two times per month.

7:24 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: February 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference

Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre, to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk