

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. by President Hook via teleconference.

Present: Trustees Browning (Beulah), Downs (Beulah), Hook (Beulah), Loll (Beulah), Smith (Beulah) and VanDePerre (Beulah)

Staff Present: Superintendent Streeter (Beulah), Treasurer Lumm (Beulah), Clerk Olney (Beulah), ZA Carland (Benzonia Twp), County Commissioner Nye (Benzonia Twp)

Public Present: Jeff & Karen Haynes; Vicki Carpenter; Laura Kolberg; Barb Skurdall

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the agenda as amended, moving Water Resolution and Ordinance to New Business, Add Amended Sewer Ordinance, Discussion for Holding In-Person Meetings in July, set Village Tax Rates and LaGuire and Cervin letters all to New Business. 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 May 6, 2021 regular meeting as amended, adding April 8 for E-coli Beach Testing at agenda approval. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Hook, to approve payment of the bills for May 2021 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, reported that the DNR is working with Parks & Recreation Commission regarding a piece of property at the outlet; Broadband discussions continue; County Administrator interviews will be held tomorrow, June 11; 911 and Jail have full-time employment openings; the county has received half of the ARPA funds; Road Commission will acquire the Platte River School.

ZA Carland reported that he has been handling some fence issues; have approved a permit for solar panel installation; received an application from Bob Kerby for some work at State Savings Bank – an ATM in the parking lot; Benzie Street property is still in the process.

Vicki Carpenter, CLCBA, provided the council with an updated map for the July 4 parade; she has been in touch with Sheriff Rosa and Rebecca Hubers, Emergency Management Director, regarding the events.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to accept the Treasurer's report for MY 2021 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – it has been a busy start to the Spring; we had another broken sewer line; she, Brady and Jeff met with a Cross Connection Company that will submit a proposal to us for their services.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance –

SAW Grant Draw #12: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the final draw in the amount of \$8,196.50 and authorize payment to Gosling Czubak for two invoices. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Short-Term Rentals: The committee has a Visitors Guide they would like to put on the website and then deliver to the rentals; registration is not a part of this now.

Non-Source Point Grant – we have been approved

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – Sediment basin dredging will happen late summer; Eurasian Watermilfoil treatment will be moving forward.

Trustee Browning: Parks/Recreation – she reported that the Trailer Park manager is working out well; Beach House bathrooms open July 1 and we will need to secure someone to clean them – she has reached out to Chris Etc today but have not heard back; Parks & Rec Master Plan; Summer Events.

Gosling Czubak Contract: Motion by Browning, seconded by Downs, to approve the contract with Gosling Czubak for professional services for a 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Update in the amount of \$8,900.00. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – she reported that she has sent another email to Mr. Noble regarding the asphalt beyond Lake Street; it is all taken care of.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – No report.

Superintendent Streeter: Red truck is back; street striping – waiting on a quote; street sweeper; inquired regarding 5 Shores now have a kitchen, do they have a limit? President Smith stated that there is an agreement on discharge and it is only for the brewing process; he asked about a credit card for the Village to allow them to purchase items on line – Trustee Hook stated that we will need a Credit Card use Policy – he will work with Margaret, Pam and Dawn regarding it.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to approve the bill to Bell Equipment in the amount of \$4,800.00 for street sweeper as requested. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Old Business: **Golf Carts** – Trustee Downs reported that he spoke with Northport and they have no problems with it; some people forget the rules, so they just put the ordinance out there again for them. Trustee Hook stated that if a golf cart is not street legal, then it is not allowed, we would need an Ordinance. Trustee Loll responded to him that at this time golf carts are not allowed in the Village of Beulah.

New Business:

In-Person Meetings: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to move to in-person meetings effective July 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., if allowable, and to allow for teleconference ability as well. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Sherry Bock Letter: letter regarding Do Not Enter signs at Lake Street & Commercial Street – Superintendent Streeter to see that the signs are put in place.

Laura Kolberg Letter: President Smith stated that he has had extensive discussions with our Zoning Administrator and feels that the issues are resolved at this point and he himself have reiterated the information to the Kolberg's – no further action. Regarding item #2 – the village has research this and it would cause more issues with a sign placed at the intersection.

CLCBA Fireworks Request: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to authorize \$1,000 for July 4th fireworks as requested. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Cathy Hemus Letter: Ms. Hemus inquired regarding the opening of the public restrooms. President Smith stated that we are attempting to find someone to clean them and Trustee Hook will find the money in the budget; they will be reopened as soon as possible with a timed lock; Trustee Browning will respond to Ms. Hemus.

Tax Rate: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to set the 2021 tax rate for the Village of Beulah at 8.1480 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Sewer Ordinance: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Loll, to amend the 2021 Sewer Service Ordinance as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Water Ordinance: Motion by VanDePerre- seconded by Hook, to approve the amendment to the Village of Beulah Ordinance 2017-1 Water Service as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Water & Sewer Rate Change: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Downs, to adopt resolution 2021-003 Water and Sewer Rates & Charges as presented, effective April 1, 2021. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Deb LaGuire Letter: Rust issue; Superintendent Streeter indicated that they will be flushing quarterly; Treasurer Lumm will work with Superintendent to prepare a letter to Ms. LaGuire.

Carol Cervin Letter: Requests use of matt at Trailer Park; we shouldn't compromise the rules; Trustee Browning and TP Manager will talk with Ms. Cervin and come to a conclusion.

7:47 p.m. Public Input

Vicki Carpenter said thank you to Jane Gary and the Beulah Boosters for planting of the flowers; Have one more to sign up for Music in the Park; Extra Porta Potties on site for July 4; street striping.

Barb Skurdall says thank you for all your services to the Village; she will not be teaching tennis again this year.

Mike Fekete says thank you to Brady and the crew for the good work; have some concern about the corner of Center & Third Streets, and the disregard for Stop signs; perhaps some temporary speed bumps.

Jeff Haynes inquired if there is a schedule for hydrant flushing.

7:57 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: July 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Village Office

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk

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