

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeri VanDePerre at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, and VanDePerre
Excused: Trustee Smith
Staff Present: Superintendent Streeter, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney
Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Marcia Behm, Janice Cooney, Dick Ide, Sherry Bock and Dan Clark

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda: Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to approve the agenda as amended, adding Friends of Betsie Valley Trail Request and Planning Commission Discussion to New Business. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve payment of the bills for May 2022 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – ZA Carland asks the council if they would like to hear from Dan Clark, the individual requesting a change in the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Clark spoke to the council regarding the property located at 6613 Frankfort Hwy and answered questions of the council; he stated that he is picking up large buildings and splitting into 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath homes; this property he is proposing to convert to 4 units but would like 6 with an additional level; hook into water and sewer; propose to close on the property in September and hope for summer 2023 completion.

Parking? He stated that there is enough parking.

Zoning Options? General Commercial now, requests Multi-family and storage for renters of the building.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to Amend the Zoning Ordinance for 02-516-076-00 from General Commercial (GC) to Multi-family (MF) as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Nye says thank you for that vote; sewer feasibility study has been completed and a contract has been requested from Wade Trim; reported on ACO and the walking trail for the animals; 911 space needs; Centra Wellness; MERIT broadband study – the FCC maps are being challenged.

ZA Carland reported that he has issued two permits; have had boundary disputes; FOIA request in progress; Eden Brook has new owners and they want to add 15 STR in the lower level.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to accept the Treasurer's report for May 2022 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried. Margaret also reported that there are 35 Short-Term Rentals on the list.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – Excused.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – Utility Easement: Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to enter into Easement for Electric Facilities with Consumers energy Company as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried. Trustee Hook also reported that we are still trying to match up short-term rentals for those that we are missing; there are penalties if they do not register.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – reported that she is eager to learn what needs to be done with the committee.

Trustee Hook stated that Grand Traverse Conservation District has contacted him about Invasive Knotweed; Dan has signed the agreement; there is a \$30.00 fee to do this and they will let us know prior to treatment.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

President VanDePerre reported on the vandalism in the village; Sheriff Dept is investigating; the individuals hit out of the Village as well.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – PK Striping has provided an estimate; MDOT has sent a new Act 51 map – Crystal Drive was marked incorrectly; added the new part of Crystal Drive to the IRT; plans are set for a smooth July 4th holiday; letter in the packet from a resident regarding Kelly's Alley, asking for speed bumps.

- a. GC Contract/Resolution: Motion by Loll, seconded by Hook, to adopt 2022-003 Resolution to Establish a Request for Funding, Designate an Agent, Attest to the Existence of Funds and commit to Implementing a Maintenance Program for Resurfacing of village Local roads Funded by the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – No report.

Superintendent Streeter: Brady reported that the Peerless inspection of wells has been done but no report yet; generator for this building will be delivered 6 – 9 weeks; lift station one in 20 weeks; sewer issues last month, both lift stations went down; Big truck build date is December 9; will be filling more pot holes; July 4 meeting was held and should be a good holiday.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Library Fund Budget: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to create a 2022 budget for Library in the amount of \$73,000. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
2. L-4029 – 2022 Tax Millage Rate: Motion by Hook, seconded by Heniser, to set the 2022 Village tax rate at 7.8864 as presented, authorizing the President and Clerk to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
3. CLCBA – Music in the Street – Donation Request: Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to authorize \$500.00 to CLCBA for Music in the Street as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
4. CLCBA – Fireworks – Donation Request: Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to authorize \$1,000 to CLCBA for July 4th Fireworks, payable to Wolverine Fireworks Display, together with use of the work barge and personnel as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
5. 2022 Fireworks Permit: Motion by Downs, seconded by Loll, to approve the 2022 Permit for Fireworks Other than Consumer or Low Impact as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
6. Plummer’s Environmental – Sewer Liner: Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to accept the quote from Plummer’s Environmental Services Inc for installation of sewer liner on Prospect Ave, east of Benzie Court in the amount of \$16,256.00, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
7. PK Contracting – Striping Quote: Motion by Loll, seconded by Hook, to accept the quote from PK Contracting for street striping in the Village of Beulah as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
8. Planning Commission Discussion: The Planning Commission needs to be reactivated to allow update of the Master Plan; the commission will consist of 1 Council member; 2 Village Residents; 2 Benzonia Township resident – can be a business owner in Beulah as long as they reside in the Benzonia Township; 2 alternate – one being the Zoning Administrator; required to meet 4 times per year; Annie Browning volunteers as the Council Member; will be placed on the website to seek individuals to serve.
9. FBVT Request: Requesting the install public wi-fi and a birds eye webcam at the Trailhead building; the Friends will raise the needed funds for installation and maintenance. Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve the request from Jim gribble, Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail, with President VanDePerre to contact Mr. Gribble. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Letter received from resident regarding speed in the Village; President VanDePerre will contact Mr. Wassa to discuss the matter.

8:33 p.m. Public Input

Vicki Carpenter, CLCBA, thanks the council for their continued support.

Dick Ide, CLCBA, requests that the fireworks check be made out to Wolverine Fireworks.

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Marcia Behm, stated that her husband may be willing to serve on the Planning Commission, as he has prior experience with Master Plans and zoning.

8:38 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: **Wednesday, July 6, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Loll, to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk