

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeri VanDePerre at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre
Excused: Trustee Smith
Staff Present: Superintendent Streeter, Treasurer Lumm Exc: Clerk Olney
Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Coury Carland, Charlie Gregory, Mark Henison, Corey Beck, Karen & Jeff Haynes, Barb Skurdall, Marsha & Keith Behm

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

The agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes: Motion by Downs, seconded by Loll, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Correspondence:

Communications to the Council:

Commissioner Nye reported on the Retirement of the Register of Deeds Amy Bissell – position has been advertised and the appointment will be to complete the term until next election; EDC was approached by True North for a Brownfield application for old Bud's gas station to turn it into 24-hour convenience store; she also spoke regarding the Benzie Summit to be held on 3/24 at Grow Benzie.

ZA Carland reported that Kurt Smith/Papanos handled addressed, regarding building on North St/Benzie St/interested in converting to apts w/Bob Weisbrodt/wanting to know what he can do before it is sold (former antique building) unable to determine if the zoning was changed from commercial to residential/Coury will need to explore; request may come in April meeting to Council/amend the ordinance

CLCBA: Vicki Carpenter reported on the Music in the Street request and gave overview of changes to support concerns from 2021.

Motion by Browning, seconded by Hook, to approve the summer music to be held in the street as it was last year. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm provided highlights of report; Audit has started, working with shared files between them and Village; Expect it to last into April and will again be done remotely. She has received 20 STR documents.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to accept the Treasurer's report for February 2022 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – Jeri shared: Run water is still in effect, cross connections report to EGLE,

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – suggest protocol on Public Comment be included on agenda; STR to be placed on the agenda for April; unregistered STR will be notified about ordinance expectations/info in next water bill.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – no report

Trustee Browning: Parks/Recreation- seek grant money for 2023 for Parks/Rec plan, posting for park manager has been posted and will be interviewing/no applications but calls/questions are coming in. Lemley/lot #6 have requested a refund/\$1000 rules allow.

Motion by Browning, seconded by Loll, to approve reimbursement of deposit in the amount of \$1,000 to Lot #6 renters Paul and Beth Lemley as requested. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – MDOT Act 51 map/paperwork is correct with Kelly's Alley/Village gets funding annually, proposal by BCRC re: Crystal Drive (village owns a small section of) to support, rest of C Dr. is township) grant application for road work.

Motion by Loll, seconded by Browning, to authorize Construction Authorization with the Benzie County Road Commission in the amount of \$3,472.00 for crumb-rubber sealcoat on Crystal Drive as presented, when the grant is approved, with funding to come from Major Streets. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Pedestrian crossings signage that would be in the identified crosswalk lanes to alert drivers of 'law' Brady is exploring different signage options to get; Budget has accounted for the purchase 5 signs.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – all is running fine, moving snow piles out of the Village to the sewer ponds; Exploring purchase of a new truck to replace Big Red \$250,000+ possible. Looking at different funding options. Act 51 dollars can be used/MDOT person in TC would be a resource; Brady has been looking at different ways to put the necessary parts on the truck/may be ways to do it for less \$\$.

Trustee Hook requested that Brady present a proposal with dollar amount at the April meeting, seeking resources to fund rather than finance.

Superintendent Streeter: Sewer: measurements for new equipment at ponds. Irrigation/electrical work for ponds/goal is to be done end of April. Working with 2 different organizations trying to use up old salt/sand; US 31 road work starts 3/13 from overpass into Marshall Rd to Honor so we will have more traffic on our roads (one lane will be open daytime, 2 at night on 31); MDOT anticipates our area to be done by July 4th; Signage will be needed for Village areas (4th July, Music events); Brady will look at patching streets as needed. Shoreline restoration along RV park will begin when weather allows; Dump Day is scheduled for June 11, and July 4 dumpsters have been ordered; Port-a-John plan is moving ahead with 3 at beach park, 2 at boat launch with more regular cleaning and each site will have a handicap unit.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Republic Contract Dumpsters: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve the contract with Republic Services for clean-up day. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
- Betsie Valley Trail Management: Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to adopt Resolution to Support Paving the Betsie Valley Trail from Beulah to Thompsonville as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Charlie Gregory of BVTMC spoke to clarify the need for this resolution; potential cost is \$3 million; project is being started in 2023 with the paving of Case Rd to Thompsonville and provided an overview of the project. Trustee Browning will do letter of support.

- Reappoint Annie Browning to BVTMC: Motion by Loll, seconded by Downs, to reappoint Annie Browning as the Village of Beulah representative to the Betsie Valley Trail Management council as requested. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Correspondence from 3rd Grader: Request from Byron Center Christian School student Deacon to gather info about Beulah, Pam has a box started and suggested Deacon contact the Benzie Area Historical Society.

Public Input

Barb Skurdall stated that free tennis lessons return Fridays in July; will also bring info about resurfacing courts for 2023 fiscal year budget.

Cory Beck stated that he represents Barbara Beck property remarks about criminal actions of neighbor on his property.

Public Input Closed

Next meeting: April 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Vicki Carpenter

Dawn Olney

Beulah Village Clerk