

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2021.
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Smith 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)

Public Present: Jeff & Karen Haynes, Ethan Hogan, Vicki Carpenter, Barb Skurdall

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to approve the agenda as amended, adding Review of Remote Meeting as a permanent item; corrected April 4 meeting minutes to April 6 and add E-coli Beach Testing discussion under Halls/Grounds to April 8. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the April 6, 2021 special meeting minutes as corrected, adding Trustee Hook as remote attendance. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Browning, to approve the April 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Browning, to approve the April 12, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Public Comment – None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner – Not present.

ZA Carland reported that he has been busy with inquiries. Spoke with Atty Zeits regarding the Lucky Dog request. Issued a permit for a deck. Had an inquiry regarding a tiny home.

Vicki Carpenter, CLCBA, presented a proposed map of a new 4th of July parade route; increasing the route to 1.1 miles; better social distancing.

Motion by Browning, seconded by Hook, to support the 4th of July parade route as presented on behalf of the CLCBA. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – reported that the cross connections program hopefully will be completed by the end of the month; send a survey to 1/3 of the residential customers which is also a cross connection and have had a good return. May 26 meeting with village crew and PCRA regarding what they offer for their cross-connection compliance. Will request termination for ACO with EGLE – all items have been either been addressed or are in the process – they want it off their books and so do we; maintenance is working hard with water sewer systems getting ready for the summer residence.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – Ursa Major Tavern License Request – Trustee Hook has left a message for Ursa Major to contact the Liquor Control Commission to determine the quota for the Village of Beulah; that is where they would apply.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – E-coli: State of Michigan no longer subsidizes the cost of testing to the local Health Depts on inland lands; the health dept does our testing, so we need to pay if we want to test – which is what we want.

Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to agree to contract with SOS Analytical for 2021 season for E-coli Testing. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Browning: Parks/Recreation – RV Park Manager has been hired and started May 1; there is shoreline erosion in the Trailer Park that needs attention; she talked about the beach house bathroom and the porta potties; she and Vicki Carpenter have a meeting on May 17 with Gosling Czubak to talk about the Parks/Rec Plan for the Village of Beulah.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported that she has spoken with MDOT regarding the adding of Kelly Alley to the Act 51 map; if it is an alley and not a street, then it does not go on the map. She also spoke regarding Benzie Blvd need to be repainted this year – hopefully by Memorial Day; Lake Street we can do next year;

Trustee Downs: Equipment – repairs are being done on a couple pieces of equipment; otherwise, things are fine.

Superintendent Streeter: Reported that they are trying to keep the Village looking good; May 17th will get the street sweeper here; they will start mowing next week; will discuss with Frankfort about the stencil next week. Stenciling will be done on the cement – not the brick work on the sidewalks.

Old Business: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Downs, to accept the Declaration of Local State of Emergency by Village of Beulah President Dan Smith dated May 6, 2021, naming the Benzie County Emergency Management Coordinator as the Village of Beulah Emergency Management Coordinator. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Review of Remote Meetings: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, that based on the continued situation on COVID restrictions, we agree to hold remote meetings for June 2021. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

New Business: CLCBA Music in the Park: Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to support Music in the Park for 2021 in the amount of \$500.00 with funds to come from community promotions. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Golf Cart Request: Trustee Downs will contact Northport to see how their resolution is working up there; Trustee Loll will make a call to the individual that requested information and inform him that it is being considered and taken under advisement.

Trustee Browning voice concerns about the village struggling to fill the village council vacancy and what can we do to make changes; Trustee Hook will speak with Atty Zeits regarding this matter.

7:47 p.m. Public Input

Barb Skurdall said Thank You for getting the tennis and pickle ball nets up; the gardens will be completed by Memorial Day.

Vicki Carpenter stated that the Beulah Boosters will have their first meeting on May 25 at 5:15 p.m. in the park; we need volunteers; thank you to Annie for being willing to work on updating the Parks & Rec plan; thank you for your support to get events going in Beulah.

7:53 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: June 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference

Motion by Downs, seconded by Hook, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk