

Village of Beulah  
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. by teleconference.

Present: Trustees Downs (Beulah), Hook (Beulah), Smith (Beulah) and VanDePerre (Beulah)  
Others: DPW Brady Streeter (Beulah), Treasurer Lumm (Beulah), Clerk Olney (Beulah), ZA Carland (Benzonia Township), Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner (Benzonia)  
Public: Annie Browning (Beulah), Jerry & Debbie Smith (Beulah), Vicki Carpenter (Beulah), Pam Sudney (Homestead Township), David Knoll (Beulah Homeowner), Mike Fekete (Beulah), Sherry Bott (Beulah)

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda: Motion by Down, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the agenda as amended, adding 2020 Amended Budget and Council Appointment of Annie Browning. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 regular meeting as corrected on page 3 under Trustee Downs report. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

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

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items Only – None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, reported that the County Building is open by appointment only; Lisa Peacock with the Benzie Leelanau Health Dept reported to the Board of Commissioners that the vaccine, when available, will be distributed in three phases; Rebecca Hubers, Emergency Management, reported that we have had our first building casualty due to erosion on Lake Michigan bluff area; Ironman will be held in Frankfort the weekend of September 11-12; Headlee Restoration continues to move forward, have discussed the Tax Allocation Committee Resolution and a book is being prepared Headlee Amendment A-Z for the townships and villages for public viewing with more to come; wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ZA Carland reported that things are quieting down – he has resolved the issue with the real estate agent and property owner with the parcel on US 31 across from the Nappa store on the West side of 31; the issue at 464 N. Michigan Avenue – will not require a variance and have issued a permit.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

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

Letter of Appeal: Homeowner believes the Village of Beulah should be responsible for the excavating bill at their property; the homeowner has paid the bill but requests reimbursement; Trustee VanDePerre reports from the current Water/Sewer Ordinance together with other ordinances where it is stated that it is the Homeowner's responsibility. Recommend based on the Ordinance that the amount is non-refundable. Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Hook, to deny the appeal of David and Greta Cowart for a refund of \$1,940.00. Roll call. Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Letter regarding Past Due Water/Sewer Bills: Margaret stated that since COVID began, we have not sent letters for part due water/sewer bills; she has been working with people now on a payment plan. She asks for authorization to send the proposed letter and work out a payment plan.

Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to authorize Margaret Lumm to negotiate and send letters with the authority to work out a payment plan as necessary, regarding delinquent water/sewer payments. Roll call.

Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer –

Employee Handbook: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Hook, to approve updated page 8 of the Employee Handbook regarding Holidays and overtime pay as presented. Roll Call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-009: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Hook, to approve resolution 2020-009 Establishing Current Water & Sewer Rates and Charges as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Continue to work on pump repairs; Cross Contamination letter is being prepared explaining the violations that need to be fixed.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – Short Term Rentals (STR) – this is a good committee; the report in the packet is information only and no action needed today; items 1-11 are what are being considered to put in the Ordinance, but not items 1-6 at the bottom of the page. Trustee Downs stated regarding #3, that clarification should be made that no moored boats will be allowed in the swim area. Trustee VanDePerre stated that it should be noted that no tents, campers or pop-ups are allowed.

SAW Grant Draw #1): Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve draw #10 in the amount of \$8,943.00 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

FEMA Maps – the Lake is the only area in the flood plain; working with the township to determine if there are any common areas other than the lake.

Settling Basin: Bids are out; may be able to get it done this year.

Darcy Library: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to reappoint Dan Hook to the Darcy Library Board for a 4-year term as requested. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – Settling Basin – bids are out.

Trustee \_\_\_\_\_: Parks/Recreation – None Report

Trustee VanDePerre: Streets & Sidewalks – continue to work on downtown sidewalk & snow removal with businesses; Vicki has been a great help with this. If the Village of Beulah removes the snow, the business will be charged for it.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – Everything is ready to go when the snow comes and looks great.

DPW Brady Streeter: Having issues with infiltration with ground water in the village; Jeff Cypert now has his CDL.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Village Council Appointment: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to appoint Annie Browning to the two-year vacant term to Village Council. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

2020 Amended Budget: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve the 2020 Amended Budget as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Road Commission Contract: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Downs, to accept the Village of Beulah Street Maintenance agreement with the Benzie County Road Commission as presented, for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

7:58 p.m. Public Input

Vicki Carpenter, reported that the CLCBA is still exploring options for Winterfest with a tent and scaled down events on February 13, 2021, a frozen turkey bowl, frozen fish toss, no chili cook off, but will have chili carry-out with curbside service; unsure about fireworks and outhouse race at this time; will have carry-out curbside cookie sale at Darcy Library; be sure to see the lightshow at Lucky Dog; downtown looks wonderful.

8:02 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: January 7, 2021 @ 5:30 a.m. via teleconference.

Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.