

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference.

Present: Trustees Downs, Hook, Pallin (arrived at 5:40) Smith and VanDePerre, DPW Brady Streeter, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney, ZA Carland

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve the agenda as amended, adding to New Business: Change Accounting Methods and New Point Source Grant Application to EGLE. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Abs: Pallin Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Hook, to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

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

5:46 p.m. Public Comment – None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, gave an update on happenings at the county: two county-wide ballot issues on the August ballot – Commission on Aging and Jail; Maples bond has been refinanced for a better rate; Parks & Rec reported deterioration at the apron of Point Betsie Lighthouse and it will be quite costly to repair; there is a purchase agreement in place to purchase a parcel at Railroad Point; Animal Control is asking to move that department from the County Administrator to the Sheriff; budget meetings have started.

ZA Carland reported that he has been pretty busy over the last month. Have dealt with a homeowner remodel without a permit; approved a Center Street permit for teardown and new build; have spoke with Bob Weisbrodt regarding the possible split of a building – ZA Carland felt he would be hard pressed to get council to approve that split. Spoke with Atty Zeits and Dan Hook regarding the Papano's building and the proposed marijuana establishment, the building permit has been denied. All evidence shows the property is in the village and it is not our job to show that it is not. Church remodel – issue with watershed from the church roof to the business next door needs to be taken care of. Crystal Lake Watershed would like to put up some signs. Received an inquiry from a homeowner that would like to put an RV on their property.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

Water project funds have been disbursed to W/S Improvement and Water R & R; taxes have been mailed out; W/S bills are ready to go in the mail tomorrow.

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – the cross-contamination information will be going out to the residents with the water bills.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – had a conference call last with BS&A regarding the switching of financials and we will go live with it in September. We had \$1,000 budgeted for two desktop scanners for use with the new system, but we looked at replacing the printer with a copier, printer, fax, scanner for \$750.00.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds: No report.

Trustee Pallin: Parks/Recreation: Letter was sent regarding the rules to renters and we have received them all back with the exception of two (those two are not here right now). Lot 20 renter wants to leave for the season and requested a refund applied to 2021 season. Discussion was held that adjustments were made this year due to the COVID crisis and the reason for the family leaving is medical as well. This is not to be precedent setting. He was informed that T-Dock was hit and damaged – should be looked at and have it repaired. (If it was the Day Dock, it should be handled the same.)

Motion by Pallin, seconded by Hook, to refund a prorata share of the remaining 2020 season; this is not to be a precedent setting policy. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee VanDePerre: Streets & Sidewalks: Will be glad when the light gets working again—Lake Street is very busy. They are looking to replace some STOP signs.

Trustee Downs: Equipment: No report. We need to get Brady some help.

DPW Brady Streeter: He stated he is trying to keep up the best he can; talked with Dan Smith regarding a more frequent dumpster pick up; he feels it should be once per week through the first of September – all council agrees.

President Smith reported that he ordered another Porta John on July 4.

Old Business: None

New Business:

SAW Grant Disbursement: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve Gosling Czubak's SAW Grant Disbursement request #8 in the amount of \$10,136 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Settling Pond: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve Gosling Czubak's contract proposal dated June 23, 2020 for engineering services related to the settling pond dredging. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

BS&A Accounting: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to transition from fund account system to pooled accounting system. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Non-Point Source Grant: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to authorize the Village of Beulah to prepare a Notice of Intent to apply to EGLE for a Non-Point Source Grant Notice to be presented to council for consideration of approval at the August 6, 2020 regular meeting. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Vacation Pay: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Hook, to change the way vacation time is earned as follows: After you have completed your probation period of ninety (90) days and are a full-time employee, you will start earning paid vacation with the FIRST year being prorated to coincide with a calendar year being January – December every year thereafter. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

7:15 p.m. Public Input

Vicki Carpenter, Crystal Avenue, updated the council regarding CLCBA – still hopeful to have the sidewalk sale; they are hoping the Team Marathon will continue; they would like to help with projects around the Village and want to upgrade/paint signs at no cost to the Village.

Debbie Smith, 464 N Michigan Ave, stated that she wants a garage and asks for set-backs; the parks need to be improved; the speed on US 31 is awful; asked how do people know if the E-Coli has spread; the sidewalks in Benzonia are beautiful.

7:25 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: August 6, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Village Clerk