

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeri VanDePerre at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre
Excused: Trustee Loll
Staff Present: Superintendent Cypert, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney
Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Keith and Marsha Behm, Jessica Carland, Theresa MacGirr, Brian Edinger, Rebecca Hubers

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda: Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to approve the agenda as amended, adding Zoning Administrator Contract; move EGLE Violation Notice to W/S report from Superintendent Report and add New Business #2 Fireworks Contract. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve the budget minutes of December 13, 2022 as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Motion by Browning, seconded by Heniser, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 13, 2022 as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Communication to Council:

Commissioner Nye reported that Bob Roelofs was elected Chair and she was elected Vice Chair; held their regular meeting today; discussion was held regarding evening meetings – decided to use You Tube live for the commissioner meetings; Goal Setting will be the discussion at their next meeting.

ZA Carland and Tim Cypher, proposed new ZA:

Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to accept the contract for Zoning Administration and Planning Services as presented.

Mr. Cypher introduced himself and gave his experience.

Roll call. Ayes: Browning, downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried. Thank you addressed to Coury for his service as Zoning Administrator; he will stay on to assist Tim in getting acclimated.

Rebecca Hubers, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided the Benzie County Draft Natural Hazard Mitigation Strategies Plan; asks the council to review the Affected Jurisdictions column where it relates to

Village of Beulah and let her know if those are still proper and should remain as stated; asks for response to the information before the end of February, 2023.

Jessica Carland, Benzie Transportation Authority 2022 Annual Report, she reported that they have made some staffing changes – she is now the new Executive Director; have new non-emergency health rides; text to ride; expanding the health ride; 3rd party scheduling software. Thank you to all for your continued support.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm reported that Quarterly transfers have been completed for Q4; created a new library account and NPS grant match funds; working on fiscal year end reports.

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee : Water/Sewer – President VanDePerre reported on the Violation Notice dated 12/22/2022; these are items that need to be worked on.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – No Report.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – next planning commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 17 at 4:00 p.m. at the Village Hall; will talk with Dan about having the spoils hauled away.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – presented the 2023 Dock Rules & Regulations – added #13 that authorizes the release of contact number to the dock mate; rate increase is 10%; waiting on confirmation on the cancellation of the cable at the RV park; spoke regarding Cherry Capital Cycle Bike grants – thing about what we could request.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Downs, to approve and adopt the 2023 Dock Rules & Regulations for the Village of Beulah as amended, with a 10% increase in fee. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – Excused

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported

Superintendent Cypert: reported that the snowstorm kicked our butts; we will clean-up yards in the Spring; Brodie ~~passed~~ received his permit to get his CDL; Jeff received his sewer license, so he is in charge of the lagoons; well 4 has been repaired; still on schedule to get parts for the new truck; next week we will haul large snow piles; expect the generator for the lift station in February.

Street Sweeper: Has a quote for street sweeper from Bell Equipment for one month, and would propose to split with Village of Benzonia and each use for two weeks; waiting for a response from them. There is also a quote for one week rental starting May 1, 2023; will bring back to see if Benzonia would like to partner, if not, then would request the one-week rental.

Mower: Presents quote from Gillison's for tractor, no down payment needed; just need a signature.

Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to accept the quote from Gillison's Variety in the amount of \$86,197.52 for mower and sidearm mower, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Clem request for RV Park deposit reimbursement: Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to approve reimbursement of \$1,000 to Gary and Sonia Clem for cancellation of the RV Park reservation for the 2023 season. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.
2. Fireworks Permit: Motion by Browning, seconded by Downs, to approve the permit for fireworks for the 2023 Winter Fest as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

8:00 p.m. Public Input

Theresa MacGirr, 127 Benzie Blvd, commented regarding the vehicle towing; stated she will take this to court; stated there are no signs to say what parking is; very disappointed, especially with no snow.

Brian Edinger, Marshall Road, stated that you need signs regarding No Parking inside the Village.

Vicki Carpenter, Crystal Avenue, stated regarding Winter Fest, that the DNR requires 5 inches of ice for the fireworks so they are looking at other options for a place to hold them; they will have a chili cook-off contest; BTA has supported us with the Haunted Bus and other items as well.

Marcia Behm, 112 N Benzie Blvd, stated that you need to use a microphone system, it is very hard to hear.

8:08 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: February 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Downs, seconded by Heniser, to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Pam Sudney, Office Manager
For Dawn Olney, Village Clerk