

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. was called to order by President Jeri VanDePerre at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre

Staff Present: Superintendent Cypert, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney

Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Mary Szwed, Kirk Smith, Peggy Clark, Steve Stephens

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda: Motion by Downs, seconded by Heniser, to approve the agenda as amended, adding PK Contracting to the Streets Report. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None
Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Browning, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None
Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Loll, seconded by Heniser, to approve payment of the bills for March 2024 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Communication to Council:

Commissioner Nye reported that the County Commissioners met today and the County Treasurer reported that there are zero foreclosures this year; approved an additional Corrections Officer for this year; Discussion held on the use for the balance of \$40,000 of ARPA money – ad hoc committee will make a recommendation to the County Commission; Point Betsie Lighthouse presentation; Centra Wellness presentation; Equalization Report shows a 9.37% increase; interviews were held for the final position on the Headlee Reset Committee – Randy Rice was appointed to serve with this committee, they must meet within 10 days.

ZA Cypher – excused

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to accept the Treasurer's report for March 2024 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – reported that things are going fine; still working on the fence at the sewer ponds.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – reported the spoils have been removed and invoices received; \$32,000 will be split with Benzonia Township paying half of the expense.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – reported that she has been working to gather information about insulation for this board room and has been thinking about getting someone to do it; also have been wondering about looking into an Electric Vehicle Charging Station; Planning Commission will meet April 16 at 4 p.m.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – reported that most of the bugs have been worked out of the reservation system; credit card use will be set up by Margaret; the welcome letter has been condensed. Sent letters to five excavators for beach sand quotes – Browns, Gillison, AJ, Kerby, Bonney Bros; AJ has stated that he is no longer interested in bidding on Village of Beulah projects; have received bids from Kerby's and Bonney's.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to approve the bid from Kerby's Backhoe for beach sand and stone in the amount of \$12,400 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Heniser, Smith, VanDePerre Nays: Browning, Downs, Hook and Loll Motion fails.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to approve the bid from Bonie Bros, Inc for beach sand and stone in the amount of \$12,400 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Permit Status: Day Dock was put in over the weekend along with a few hoists; EGLE says we are to police/monitor it and they must be removed. Pro Tem Hook will call the installer of the Day Dock and as him to remove it.

Dock Leases: Transfer N-16 to S-16 due to opening, thus leaving N-16 open.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported that PK Contracting has submitted a quote for street and parking lot striping with a plan to have it completed prior to Memorial Day, in the amount of \$17,026.50.

Motion by Loll, seconded by Browning, to accept the Quote from PK Contracting in the amount of \$17,026.50 for pavement markings for Spring 2024. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Loll also spoke of the meeting with Rep John Rother regarding Earmarked Money; it was a great meeting; he stated that emailed letters are the best because they go into a database at the state that gets reviewed regularly.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that there is asphalt plugging being done today.

Superintendent Cypert: Jeff indicated that pot holes are being filled today; sweeper is on schedule to be here the first week in May; working on repairing lawns from any snow plow mishaps.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Recycling Site Lease: Motion by Smith, seconded by Downs, to adopt the Benzie County Recycling Site Lease for a two-year term, January 1, 2024 through December 31 2025 as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre
Nays: None Motion carried.
2. CLCBA Music in the Street: Motion by Hook, seconded by Smith, to authorize payment to The Accidentals in the amount of \$500.00 for Music in the Street as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
3. Amended Sheriff Patrol Agreement: Motion by Loll, seconded by Browning, to adopt the First Amendment to Contract for Sheriff Patrol Between the County of Benzie and Village of Beulah as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Notice received from the Village of Benzonia regarding Public Notice for Village of Benzonia Planning Commission Notice of Intent to Conduct Master Planning.
2. Email regarding Frankfort Elberta Interact Club second annual Service Day 2024 set for May 7; the students will be providing 3-hours of service work to the village.
3. Copy of letter addressed to Mitchell and Mary Szwed from Senator Jon Bumstead regarding funding for the sewer system upgrades in Beulah.

8:20 p.m. Public Input

Commissioner Rhonda Nye indicated that she has also received a response to the several letters she has sent on our behalf.

Treasurer Margaret Lumm indicated that she has been working on a website that will have three sample letters on it for use by property owners, residents, visitors, etc. to email letters to our congressional leaders. Vicki Carpenter stated that the Darcy Library is having a Grand Re-Opening on Saturday April 13 from 10 – 1 pm; Everyone is welcome.

Dawn Olney, Village Clerk, reminded the council members that there will be three trustee positions open for re-election this year, together with the President's term; Clerk and Treasurer terms will also be up this year, however those positions will no longer be elected positions but rather will be appointed by the President. Petitions and filings will be done with the Benzonia Township clerk.

8:28 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Downs, seconded by Loll, to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney

Beulah Village Clerk