

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. by President Pro Tem Jeri VanDePerre at the village hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

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

Staff Present: Superintendent Streeter, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney, ZA Carland, Pam Sudney

Public Present: Vicki Carpenter, Gail Dillinger, Paula Harris, Mary Szwed, Jeff Haynes (phone), Dan Smith (phone)

Conflict of Interest by any council member: Trustee Hook shared that he is on Library Board which is a topic for later in the meeting.

President Pro Tem Jeri VanDePerre read aloud the resignation of Dan Smith as Village President. She thanks Dan for his letter and accepts the resignation.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Correspondence:

Commissioner Nye updated those present regarding activity at the county regarding MERIT survey for broadband; Point Betsie Lighthouse; Animal Control; Maples; Health Department; transition of Administrator; committee openings.

ZA Carland reported that he has been dealing with boundary disputes; is having ongoing discussions regarding the 7 acres on Benzie Street; solved the Post Office garbage issue; Short-Term Rental questions; State Savings Bank project is underway; Frankfort Chief of Police has inquired regarding any ordinance regarding alcoholic beverages on the beach or parks; Hockey Rink behind 5 Shores – taken under advisement.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – encourages everyone to go the village website for forms and information regarding the safe drinking water program; the individual customer's water was tested again, and

as of today, there is no detective lead; we are doubling our sampling sites; we have no known lead lines; EGLE would do a townhall type meeting to field questions.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – budget requests are due tomorrow; budget hearing will be December 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting; was part of a joint meeting to discuss the possibility of a common ordinance for fireworks around the lake.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – sediment basin dredging is completed; the cost will be shared 50/50 with Benzonia Township.

Trustee Browning: Parks/Recreation – the survey results are back and the top three items are: Beach House Bathroom, Trapp Park and Northway Park. Trailer Park needs and overhaul, requests an ad hoc committee be formed to review and advertising for a Trailer Park Manager.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – Kelly's Alley is now on our Act 51 map.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – Big Red is in need of some electrical repairs; other than that, all set for winter.

Superintendent Streeter: Will get the bucket truck and air compressor from Frankfort and the snowflakes will go up tomorrow morning; Jeff Cyperts will be taking his sewer exam soon; Trailer Park is winterized; Sewer Mains are being reviewed – Prospect Street main is cracking and will be pursuing a Grand Rapids company that does a liner in the main. Other municipalities have used this same product with success.

Old Business:

1. Short-Term Rental Ordinance: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to adopt the Short-Term Rental Property Registration Ordinance, with corrections. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
2. Darcy Library: Trustee Hook provided information regarding the proposed storage building and asks if there are any objections to moving to the next step; he will get with legal counsel to get a lease or agreement in place with the Library; the library will be responsible to move the building if the tank needs to be removed.

New Business:

1. Appointment of New President: Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to appoint Jeri VanDePerre to the vacant seat of President with a term to expire November 20, 2022. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
2. Appointment of President Pro Tem: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Browning, to appoint Dan Hook to fill the vacant position of President Pro Tem through November 20, 2022. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
3. Appointment of Trustee: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to appoint Dan Smith to the vacant position of Trustee with a term to expire on November 20, 2022. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
4. Resolution 2021-005 – Appointment of Deputy Clerk: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Hook, to adopt resolution 2021-005 Resolution Establishing a Deputy Village Clerk as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
5. Trailer Park Refund Request – Harry Nowell: No action taken; will hold off until the lot is re-rented per the park rules.

8:28 p.m. Public Input

Oliver Roberts, 5 Shores Brewery requests permission to place a hockey rink behind his business; feels it would help bring people to the village.

Vicki Carpenter, CLCBA, reported on the trick or treating downtown saw between 200-300 kids and parents; there will be no Christmas Magic this year – working on other ideas; thank you to Pam Sudney for the help with the newsletter.

Gail Dillinger says thank you for the research regarding Short Term Rental – they use a property management company to handle their property.

Dan Hook stated that there is an effort to form a Property Owners Association.

8:34 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: December 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for Budget Hearing

December 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting

Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney

Beulah Village Clerk