

The Village of Beulah
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Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, January 9, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Smith at 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call: Smith, Hook, Pallin, VanDePerre, Downs
Also, present: Superintendent Bowers, Treasurer Lumm, ZA Carland.
Excused: Clerk Spencer

Pledge of Allegiance voiced by all

No conflict of interest voiced by any council members

Approval of the agenda to include SAW Draw request #7 to New Business – **Motion by:** Downs, **support by:** VanDePerre **AYES: ALL – NAYES: NONE - MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of the Minutes for December 6, 2019 – **Motion by:** Hook, **support by:** Downs – **AYES: ALL - NAYES: NONE – MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of bills for December 2019 – **Motion by:** Downs, **support by:** VanDePerre - Roll Call: **AYES:** VanDePerre, Pallin, Downs, Hook, Smith – **AYES: ALL - NAYES: NONE – MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comment of Agenda Items Only:

Guests: 8

Communication to Council:

ZA - Carland – Has researched on DDA (info at archives of paper/will give info to Smith) and criteria for membership on DDA. He also checked on snow removal again with Frankfort and also with Traverse City (their parking meter money pays for the cost w/ their DPW/specific to DDA are covered).

Letter from Kyle Rosa – announcing he is running for Benzie County Sheriff in 2020. On January 19, 2020 he will be doing a meet and greet from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Graystone Manor in Honor.

Treasurer Lumm – December report reviewed and **Motion to approve by:** Downs, **supported by:** Hook, **AYES: ALL – NAYES: NONE MOTION CARRIED**

Water/Sewer – Chairperson VanDePerre: remaining work on hold with weather – water report went out with water/sewer bill. Per EGLE we are to have on-site vulnerability visit January 29, 2020 to verify water/pumps, systems are safe, etc. need to include IT person Denny Ray involved.

Law/Finance – Chairman Hook: Nothing to report

Building/Grounds – Co-Chairman Hook: settlement pond will be cleaned out this spring, will need to get bids.

Parks Rec - Chairman Pallin: Nothing at this time.

Streets/Sidewalks – Co-Chairperson VanDePerre: follow – up on snow removal from last meeting. Information seems to have cleared up questions.

Equipment – Chairman Downs: Deferred to Bowers

Superintendent Bowers: Things are going well – everything is running, ready for possible snow storm coming in on Friday/ weekend, exploring options cost/prices/timelines to build truck with necessary equipment (bid package).

Old Business: None

New Business:

SAW Grant Draw # 7 – Authorize payment of 4 different invoices totaling \$22,238.00 - Motion by Hook, supported by: VanDePerre – Roll Call **AYES:** VanDePerre, Pallin, Downs, Hook, Smith – **AYES: ALL – NAYES: NONE – MOTION CARRIED**

Motion for Dock and Campground increase fees of 6% starting with 2020 season – **Motion by:** Pallin, **supported by:** VanDePerre – Roll call **AYES:** Downs, Hook, Smith, Pallin, VanDePerre – **AYES: ALL – NAYES: NONE – MOTION CARRIED**

Motion to update the Village of Beulah Employee Handbook effective in 2019 to add to the employee benefits page by recognizing New Year’s Eve Day and Christmas Eve Day as half day paid holiday’s for full-time employees – **Motion by:** Hook, **supported by:** Downs, Roll Call **AYES:** VanDePerre, Pallin, Downs, Hook, Smith – **AYES: ALL – NAYES: NONE – MOTION CARRIED**

Crystal Lake Watershed – Eurasian Watermilfoil Control Resolution: Dave Wynne and Bruce Gerhart, from CLWA gave report on issues in Crystal Lake, such as swimmers itch. Recent is invasive species Eurasian Watermilfoil has been identified and now covers over 6 acres of Crystal Lake. Options are to wait/ watch, cover-up with plastic, harvest, suck up the plants or treatment with an herbicide granule. The last method, herbicide granules is the recommended treatment. A drone will identify the specific infestation areas and treat directly. DNR regulations and rules will apply, permission from Riparian’s/ waterfront property owners and notice to public as no bodily contact for 24 hours as well as other criteria (wind/temp/rain). Start at boat launch in Beulah on Lake Street to the DNR boat launch area/ not all shore line is infected. Need council permission to do the treatment on their property/ starting at the boat launch and some other specific areas (no cost to Village) and CLWA will do all the notifications to property owners. Also includes notices to at beach/ RV Park, etc. Research shows no adverse effect to marine/ wildlife, still prudent to keep from anybody contact. Anticipate 2 treatments in 2020 and review with drone photos if there will be a need for treatment in future years. Suggestion for the development of a team with CLWA/BCD (hope for Jane Perrino and Village Council (Gary Pallin will be Village Rep).

Resolution 2020-1

Motion to allow CLWA to do the Eurasian Watermilfoil eradicate – **Motion by:** Pallin, **supported by:** VanDePerre & Hook. Roll call: **AYES:** VanDePerre, Pallin, Downs, Hook, Smith – **AYES: ALL - NAYES: NONE - MOTION CARRIED**

Public Input:

Val Gerhart – What is happening with the west peak repair on trailhead building – (Pallin has someone to do the repair in the spring) – Sunrise Rotary would like to be kept informed and will be of any assistance. Also concern on overhanging trees on Commercial Drive. Charter has a cable tied off to a tree on Benzie Sr and they are aware of it.

Motion to Adjourn by: Downs, supported by VanDePerre – MOTION CARRIED

Time 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Vicki Carpenter
For Laura Spencer, Clerk

Subject to approval at next Regular Council Meeting, February 6, 2020