

Village of Beulah  
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeri VanDePerre at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

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

Excused: Trustee Loll and Smith

Staff Present: Superintendent Streeter, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney

Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Keith and Marcia Behm, Sherry Bock, Debbie and Jerry Smith, Chris Howard, Jerry Goorhouse, Mitch Szwed, Russ Szwed, Craig and Paula Harris, Bob and Lacy Greer, Ross Carlson and Lloyd Rowland

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda: Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to approve the agenda as amended, adding #4 under Correspondence. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll and Smith Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Browning, seconded by Heniser, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll and Smith Motion carried.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Communication to Council:

Commissioner Nye reported that the Benzie Leelanau Health Dept has received a grant for a nurse and social worker to be in the schools; Broadband – entered into a public/private partnership with Cherry Capital Connection; the county draft budget is on the website; School Resource Officer millage passed and the change will be made to have both officers be employees of the Sheriff; and sewer feasibility study – Wade Trim is moving forward.

ZA Carland reported that he is working on three permits now; working with Christopher & company regarding a roof deck; rezoning of M-115 property.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to revoke the June 9, 2022 regular meeting motion of the Beulah Village Council regarding amendment to zoning ordinance for parcel 02-516-076-00. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll and Smith Motion carried.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to reassign zoning for parcel 02-516-076-00 to General Commercial (GC). Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll and Smith Motion carried.

Chris Howard, Cottage Pros, spoke regarding the "T" Dock – they install and remove over 300 docks around the lake and this one is the hardest; he recommends some fixes to the dock to council – purchase feet for some of the screw poles; cut railings to match 10-foot sections and not take them off when the dock is removed. He will submit a proposal to the village for consideration.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm reported that it has been a busy August with taxes and water/sewer bills; next week will settle with the County Treasurer; been doing water/sewer collection calls rather than letters – it seems to work better. She also asked about a returned check fee – these returned checks take a lot of time making those adjustments; she will look for any type of policy that we may already have and report back to the council.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – President VanDePerre reported that a resident wants a reduction in their hook-up fee – the attorney is dealing with this matter.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – reported that we need to move the budget process up a bid as he will be out of commission mid-November.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – reported that she is focusing on the Planning Commission and she attended a meeting at Benzonia Township to learn more about the process; her goal is to have the names to council for next month's meeting. President VanDePerre stated that the spoils at the settling basin need to be hauled away.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – reported that there are four trailers left in the park; there are five sewer caps missing in the trailer park; phone line at the trailer park has been disconnected; cable needs to be shut off and he is working on that. There were complaints about the water pressure being too high at the trailer park. The Moby Mat has arrived and will be installed next year; boat slips N12 and S12 would like to switch spots – council agrees. Trustee Hook stated that registration is due for boats on April 1 – if they are not paid and all set with registrations, then their application will be cancelled. That is what it states in the rules.

Boy Scout Troop 777 from Northville would like to use the trailer park on October 8 to tent camp; they will be hiking the Betsie Valley Trail; they will be doing some community service on the beach while they are here.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to authorize at a minimum Boy Scout Troop 777 from Northville to camp at the trailer park for one night, October 8, 2022. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll and Smith Motion carried.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to approve Kerby's Backhoe Estimate #461 in the amount of \$5,750.00 for landscaping services in the trailer park as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll and Smith Motion carried.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – President VanDePerre reported that the coating for North Shore Drive is off the table for now; two new Handicap signs have been installed.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that the red truck will be in for service next week and will be used until the new truck arrives, which may be by Thanksgiving, but will not be ready to use; they are busy getting things ready for winter.

Superintendent Streeter: President VanDePerre stated that her son has been hired as a temporary part-time employee while the current part-time employee is off on medical. Brady reported that some companies have been using the hydrant near Papano's and he records the information – they are being billed for usage. Leak Detection services -- \$300 for an 8-hour day or they will do a local leak detection for free. Brady is authorized to call them in if he determines an area needs to be detected. He will follow up with them. Have recently learned that the water tower needs to be overfilled once per year – Jeri said to be sure and put this information into SilverSmith.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Water Tank Inspection Quote: Motion by Hook, seconded by Heniser, to accept the proposal from Dixon Engineering & Inspection Services for the water tank, using the Dry Method in the amount of \$5,400 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll and Smith Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. PFAS Cost Recovery Program – clerk to register the village for this program.
2. MML Annual Meeting Notice – information only.
3. Lloyd Rowland Email – Portable Toilet Placement; response from the Village also read.
4. Incident at the village office with a resident in the treatment of village personnel. We take things seriously here and a letter has been sent to the resident.

8:40 p.m. Public Input

Lloyd Rowland, 130 S Center says thank you for what you do. Thank you for maintaining the village, disagree with you regarding 6.6 of the Crystal Lake Watershed Overlay Regulations; he said he won't accept two porta potties within 30 feet of his house.

Vicki Carpenter, 6392 Crystal Avenue, reported 361 people at the bridge walk; over 3900 people at the Music in the Street; over 80 teams for the team marathon; Fall Fest is October 1; Thank you for helping us do this.

Russ Carlson, 126 S Center stated that he agrees with Mr. Rowland.

8:45 p.m. Public Input Closed

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Next meeting: October 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Downs, seconded by Heniser, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll and Smith Motion carried.

Dawn Olney  
Beulah Village Clerk