

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 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 Smith
Staff Present: Superintendent Cypert, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney
Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Kirk Smith, Mitch Szwed, Craig Harris, Marsha Behm, Don & Carol Cervin

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

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

Minutes: Motion by Heniser, seconded by Loll, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 regular meeting as corrected. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Communication to Council:

Commissioner Nye reported that the Emergency Manager has reported that the Ironman went well and will also be held in Benzie County on September 17, 2023; Benzie Senior Resources numbers are increasing each month; Animal Control part-time clerk is needed; Second School Resource Officer was approved; ARPA funds have been approved for two housing projects; she attended an event with Representative Jack Bergman at the Cherry Hut celebrating their 100 years in service.

ZA Carland was excused and Present VanDePerre reported that the ZA has approved two permits on Center Street and Leonard Court.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm reported that the quarterly transfers are in this September report; tax collection is completed and all settlement is done; tax bill process that the County Treasurer has been working really well; one resident has been approved for the water bill assistance program.

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – No Report.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – reported on the budget handouts to each department with them to be completed by October 28.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – reported that she will be working to get the spoils from the settling basin removed next year – Dan Hook offered to work with her regarding this project; provided three names for appointment to the Planning Commission,

Motion by Browning, seconded by Loll, to appoint Barb Skurdall, Keith Behm and Debbie Smith to the Planning Commission. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – reported that the scouts were very well behaved and cleaned up their park; RV Park water has been turned over; Kerby's leveled and seeded the RV park; 7th graders also helped with weeds; Moby Mat has been removed; Day Dock is out; Cottage Pros has confirmed that they are still taking out the T-dock. Cable at the RV Park has been researched – cannot shut off for the winter months without a larger cost; feel it is best to leave as is at this time. A survey will be sent out to determine if the cable is really being used.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported that the Harris trailer has been removed from Benzie Blvd; she will order a couple more pedestrian signs will be ordered.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that the small red truck is in the shop for repair work; the new truck should be here before Christmas.

Superintendent Cypert: Jeff reported that Dave Bissell will be covering the water license for the Village; John Holland came out to check on the facility (sewer pond) to get it under control; Oct 13 – Plummers will be here to work on Prospect Street; Oct 18 will be tank maintenance; all bathrooms have been drained and winterized; he has got the reports under control with EGLE.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Council Meeting Schedule: Motion by Heniser, seconded by Loll, to change the meeting dates for the Beulah Village Council to the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Beulah Village Hall, 7228 Commercial Avenue, Beulah, Michigan, and are open to the public. This change will become effective November 10, 2022. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
2. Burning and Campfire Ordinance Amendment: Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to adopt an Amendment to the Village of Beulah Ordinance 96-6 Burning and Campfires as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
3. Yard Waste Ordinance: Motion by Heniser, seconded by Downs, to adopt Ordinance 2022-001 Yard Waste as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

4. Employee Handbook Amendment: Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to amend the Employee Handbook with reference to Licenses on page 12. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Email from Craig Harris regarding home maintenance on property; President VanDePerre reported that State law addresses this matter and if someone is on another's property without permission, they could be charged with trespass. No action.
- Northwest Education Services (formerly TBA ISD): Bond Proposal information

8:03 p.m. Public Input

Kirk Smith, Crystal Drive, asked "no trash bags". That is correct.

Vicki Carpenter, 6923 Crystal Ave, reported that we had a fabulous Fall Fest; working on a list of what CLCBA needs from the Village. Trick or Treat at the door this year downtown from 4 – 6:00 p.m.; Haunted Bus near Lucky Dog; Christmas Magic 2nd Saturday in December with a light parade, Santa at the Trailhead; Cookie Sale 3-5:30 p.m.

Don Cervin, resides at RV Park, asks for a sign for No Dogs on the Beach.

Mitch Szwed, 6625 Crystal Ave, noted the meeting date change for November is on Election Day – perhaps consider changing it.

8:09 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk