

Village of Beulah  
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeri VanDePerre at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, and VanDePerre  
Excused: Trustee Loll  
Staff Present: Superintendent Cypert, Treasurer Lumm, Office Mgr. Sudney  
Excused: Clerk Olney  
Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Keith and Marsha Behm, Jim Kilgus, Chris Howard, Ken Schwerdt, Carol and Don Cervin

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda: Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to approve the agenda as amended, adding to New Business the appointment to Betsie Valley Trail Management Committee. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Heniser, seconded by Downs, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 regular meeting as presented with corrections that were pointed out. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Bills: Motion by Downs, seconded by Heniser, to approve payment of the bills for January 2023 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Communication to Council:

Commissioner Nye reported Benzie County jail has 47 beds with an average of 15 low risk inmates and has taken overflow of 35 from Traverse City and staffed to handle capacity. Karen Korolenko Veteran Admin. Rep is now full – time at the county. Today Commissioner’s meeting Gerri Van Antwerp handed over her reins to \_\_\_\_\_. Cole Property located at railroad point now owned by Benzie County to use for public.

ZA Cypher reported – received inquiry for the old Granary building, purchaser looking at making it an event center. No permits. He received 12 calls and 6 emails. PC bylaws and master plan documents next week. PC meeting next week at 4 p.m. here at Village Offices.

Treasurer’s Report – Margaret Lumm

Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to accept the Treasurer’s report for January 2023 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Ken Schwerdt from Wade Trim gave a repost on feasibility study for the sewer expansion. Jeri stated not taking questions at this time that there will be a public meeting at Mills Community House on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The wish list to go down to Wesco with customers would cost \$45 Million and if the village went with just Benzonia Township down the US 31 corridor, there would cost be a cost of \$25 Million and feasible. Without grants not

feasible and need to hear from EGLE for funding if Village could do a second loan. Will continue to look at the Frankfort option.

Chris Howard from Cottage Pros presented board with contract estimate for changes and repair to T-Dock to make it safer. Less time to install and some decrease cost on future install and removal.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to approve funds of \$13,380.00 for changes and repairs to T-Dock to move ahead with the work. Roll Call. Ayes: Hook, VanDePerre, Browning, Downs, Heniser Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Trustee : Water/Sewer – Water/ Sewer Violation are being worked on in weekly meetings and have applied working on project application for funding to help with remediations.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – Nothing new to report

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – Third PC meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. ZA Cypher, present at meeting to help give them direction and evaluating by-laws to get them approved at next meeting. She has one estimate and needs a couple more for the removal of spoils.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – Brain-storming ideas for the new beach bathhouse. State building report has no issues with same footprint. Handicap access near Lot #1 in campground, clear walkway and to mark with fencing. Working on getting an estimate for this work. Cable company gave him a ticket # for shutoff to happen September 15. Read Ward's letter of cancellation of Lot #12 and refund of security deposit due to cost increase. Read letter from Card's requesting to a rule change to dock their boat using sea legs on shore due to his disabilities.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to approve a full refund to the Ward's for Lot #12 campground security deposit for the 2023 camping season. Roll call. Ayes: VanDePerre, Browning, Downs, Heniser, and Hook. Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to respond by letter to Card's with the same answer given to them in previous written email correspondence. If they wish to cancel a 100% refund will be honored for Lot's 6 & 7 for the 2023 camping season. Roll call. Ayes: VanDePerre, Browning, Downs, Heniser, and Hook Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – excused

Trustee Downs: Equipment – Submitted an invoice for \$13,845.66 for repair work already done on the Arcadia Truck did on 2010 red Ford 350. Big air compressor in back shop is not working, and guys will be rebuilding the motor for \$420.00 buying a kit and cheaper than purchasing a new one. Brodie to do the work.

Motion by Downs, seconded by Hook, to approve \$13,845.66 to Arcadia Truck Repair for repair work done on truck and to get it back. Roll call Ayes: VanDePerre, Browning, Downs, Heniser, and Hook Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried

Superintendent Cypert: Well #3 Peerless replace drop pipe – done just in time – tested and going back on line. Guard rail came in. Still waiting on fence quotes for sewer pond. Phosphorus levels are being worked on with Gosling. Generator is pushed out to June could be sooner. Hook may need to extend grant. New big truck pushed out further not until good weather. June 10<sup>th</sup> is clean-up Day. Swimming buoys for campground in supply room to be used. No sharing of sweeper with Benzonia, Beulah staying separate and doing their own week.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Budget amendment – Zoning Dept

Motion by Hook, seconded by Heniser to approve 2023 budget amendment for zoning administrator from salary to contract services. Roll call Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried

Short Term Rental Ordinance Amendment – Section 7.2.C. – Hook didn't want to do ordinance amendment just change language on Section 7. Paragraph 2.C. from "should" to "must".

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to change language on Short Term Rental Ordinance Section 7.2.C. that currently states "Provisions for trash disposal should be provided. Trash should be contained properly in sealed receptacles." To be amended to read "Provisions for trash disposal must be provided. Trash must be contained properly in sealed receptacles." Effective 30 days after publishing date. Roll call Ayes: Downs, Heniser, Hook, VanDePerre, Browning Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried

Ward request for RV Park deposit reimbursement – moved to Park & Rec Report

Appointment of trustee to Betsie Valley Trail Committee –

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs to appoint Mark Heniser trustee to the Betsie Valley Trail Committee. Ayes: Heniser, Hook, VanDePerre, Browning, and Downs Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried

8:00 p.m. Public Input

Jim Kilgus, 92 S Benzie Blvd., 2001 full time resident for 20 years and village has put snow stakes out and plow tore up his lawn; No repair has been done and no response from village president. Jeri responded with "repairs are done in the spring, and road right-of-way will be made well known to residents and she will be notifying all residents soon."

Pam – Informed everyone recent shipment of garbage bags are now yellow.

Vicki Carpenter, Crystal Avenue, stated wonderful Winterfest with the best turn out. They had 20 chili contest entries with 193 ballot votes and 5 were from different states. Fireworks were moved this year she seen about 75 to 100 cars leaving that night. She had 2 interviews one on the radio and early am on the TV.

8:14 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Ayes: Hook, VanDePerre, Browning, Downs, and Heniser Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Pam Sudney  
Beulah Village Office Manager