

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. by Pro Tem VanDePerre via teleconference.

Present: Trustees Browning (Beulah), Downs (Beulah), Hook (Beulah), Loll (Beulah), and VanDePerre (Beulah)
Excused: President Smith
Staff Present: Superintendent Streeter (Beulah), Treasurer Lumm (Beulah), Clerk Olney (Beulah), Pam Sudney (Homestead Twp), ZA Carland (Benzonia Twp), County Commissioner Nye (Benzonia Twp)
Public Present: Jeff & Karen Haynes; Vicki Carpenter

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

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

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

Bills:

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

Public Comment – None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, reported that the Government Center is now open to the public; the Board of Commissioners continue to be updated regularly by the Benzie Leelanau Health Dept regarding the COVID issue; she urges all residents to get signed up with Smart 911 at Smart911.com – you provide information to EMS that is important in case of an emergency, they do not see the information you have provided until 911 has been called; the Headlee effort has been delayed past August; the county has received resignations from the Finance Manager, County Commissioner District III (Andy Miller has been appointed) and the County Administrator; will hold the Regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9 at 9:00 a.m. and a Special Meeting for Strategic Planning on Wednesday, February 10 @ 9:00 a.m.

ZA Carland reported that he has been contacted regarding the retaining wall with the mural near the old courthouse – is the retaining wall maintained by the village or the property owner – Trustee Downs indicated the property owner. Commented regarding the issue at the Short-Term Rental meeting regarding parking – parking spots does not change because a renter is there.

Discussion held regarding the property on Lake street beyond the trailer park—Brady indicated that this has been going on for a while; Coury stated that it was previously viewed as not a village street. Trustee Hook commented that the Act 51 maps should be reviewed; Pam has looked at the maps and it doesn't show it in

the village – it stops, but not sure where. ZA Carland feels that the property owner should talk to a title company and get them to review the records, not us.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to accept the Treasurer's report for January 2020 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – reported that the Asset Management Software mentioned last month will not work for our needs, so did not purchase; had our first frozen water pipe – there is a run water advisory out now.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance –

- 1) Short-Term Rental had a good meeting with 10-12 people in attendance, reviewed the DRAFT Ordinance and incorporated the comments from the first meeting; next step will be to get the revised Ordinance to legal counsel for review before coming to council.
- 2) Confusion regarding the Papano's Building – annexation began in the 1980s but was not completed; have been informed by the State that annexation applications never expire – we need to decide if we want them to pick back up on this matter – legal counsel has received the background information.
- 3) Master Agreement with Verizon – spells out the terms and conditions of what they can provide; if we don't sign the agreement, we lose any discounts we received. The agreement will be forwarded to all council members for review prior to March 2021 meeting.
- 4) Ice Rink: Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to authorize \$500.00 donation to the Benzonia Ice Rink for 2021. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – it was reported last month that only one bid was received for the dredging project; Trustee Hook has heard from Arcadia Marine that would like to bid – project will be rebid in early Spring.

Trustee Browning: Parks/Recreation – reported that she took a tour of all of the parks in the Village of Beulah and was grateful to Vicki Carpenter taking her.

- 1) Trailer Park Rules – Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve the Trailer Parks Rules and Rates for 2021 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
- 2) 2021 Dock Rules: Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to approve the 2021 Dock Rules as modified in paragraph #7. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported on the snow removal violation process. #8 to be corrected to Benzie County, not Benzonia Township.

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Loll, to accept the Process of Violation of Snow Removal – January 2021. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – No report.

Superintendent Streeter: reported that we had our first water line freeze – the frost line is up to 2 feet deep and have began a run water advisory; sewer – Center Street lift station has had the gate and check valve replaced; Equipment is running real good; dealing with rock in the sand from the Road Commission – will discuss it with them; White truck went to Fox in TC for an oil leak, it was under warranty; inquires regarding retroactive sick time for Jeff to date of hire – handbook should be checked; passed water license exam.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Betsie Valley Trail Committee: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to appoint P/R Chair Annie Browning to the Betsie Valley Trail committee as the Village of Beulah representative. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Trustee VanDePerre reported that we have received a resignation from Cindee Pallin from the Trailer Park Manager position.

Also, we have received an email from the family of Douglas Ehman as a thank you for the plaque installed.

7:37 p.m. Public Input

Barb Skurdall thanked council for the donation to the Ice Rink.

Jeff Haynes stated that he had Mrs. Ehman as an elementary teacher.

7:39 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: March 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference

Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Dawn Olney

Beulah Village Clerk