

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, August 3, 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, Smith (arrived at 7:02) and VanDePerre

Staff Present: Superintendent Streeter, Clerk Olney

Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Bill Kennis, Diane Tracy, Carol & Don Cervin, Robin & Steve Cantrell, Mary Harvey and Marsha & Keith Behm

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda: Motion by Downs, seconded by Heniser, to approve the agenda as amended, adding New Business #6 Master Plan Update. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Communication to Council:

Commissioner Nye reported that the county has a survey online seeking public input on the use of ARPA funds; Broadband; Primary Election – all county millages passed; county website is being updated; there are jobs available in the county.

ZA Carland reported that no permit requests have been submitted; received a letter from an attorney regarding 78 N Center and have communicated with Kerrie regarding it; dealing with a dispute between two property owners on Spring Valley; people wanting zoning information, first need to complete a land use application and provide it with a plot plan with measured setbacks.

Steve Cantrell – RV Park: submitted a letter to council which is the same one as last Fall with the bottom regarding rates; we are good neighbors and would like to see some type of benefit for those that are there for a long time; some parks give discounts; would like some type of benefit for them taking care of the park; we don't have a dialog for us with the village.

President VanDePerre noted their concerns as we did last year; the committee has worked to make this park better.

Bill Kennis & Diane Tracy – Benzie Wellness & Aquatic Center: Updated the council on the progress of the Benzie Wellness & Aquatic.

Bruce Gerhart – US-31 Stormwater Drains: Mr. Gerhart was not present; however, Trustee Hook explained the request to support Crystal Lake Watershed Association composing a letter to MDOT.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, that we are in agreement with the concerns of the Crystal Lake Watershed Association and will put our voice behind it. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm (excused)

Motion by Hook, seconded by Smith, to accept the Treasurer's report for July 2022 as presented. Roll call.

Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – reported that there was a sewer backup between the Village building and Lucky Dog; formation of a Sewer Tax Force with Village of Benzonia, Village of Beulah, Benzonia Township – Trustees Hook and Smith appointed to the Task Force; Wade Trim has done a feasibility study and hope to use the information to tap into Federal monies. Sewer Authority – we need support to participate.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Hook, to state our intent to join a Regional Sewer Authority with the final approval to be considered when the final authority is formed. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – reported that budget time will be coming up in early to mid-October.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Heniser, to adopt Resolution 2022-005 for approved signers as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – reported that she is still learning about the committee; August 18 she will attend a meeting of the Benzonia Township Planning to learning more for the village planning commission.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – reported on several items:

- Quote for Campground: Received one quote which came in much higher than planned; council stated that we need more quotes.
- Have received more than one request for railings and handicap access to the water; suggests a Moby Mat be installed. Motion by Heniser, seconded by Hook, to create handicap access for the RV Park with a cap of \$2,500.00. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
- Motion by Heniser, seconded by Loll, to discontinue the Spectrum service annually (September – May) at the RV Park when no one is there, only if cost effective. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
- Family of Skunks: Have used MI Pest to deal with them.
- Reported to him that the showers haven't been cleaned – when he followed up and checked, they have never been dirty when he checked them.
- Letter regarding parking – will get it out next week.
- Reported to him that young girls were hanging out about 3:00 a.m.

- Boat Hoists – four letters have gone out. Trustee Hook stated that they were in violation of our rules and they should be gone next year.
- No news on a new dock installer.
- Fair Park has washed out with the storm we had.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported that she has met with Road Commission regarding the contract for us to pay for 575 feet of Crystal Drive – we only have 235 feet; have not received a revised contract yet.

Paula Harris Request: Motion by Loll, seconded by Browning, to accept the written request from Paula Harris to allow her trailer to remain on Benzie Blvd. until October 31, 2022. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that all is good; awaiting final word on assembly of truck; Trustee Hook needs to know when we need to pay for the truck.

Superintendent Streeter: Brady indicated that Consumers hit a sewer line at the Government Center and the Government Center should pay the bill; Northern A-1 invoice – will be adjusted and a new invoice will be sent. Motion by Smith, seconded by Loll, to accept the bid from Northern A-1 Environmental Services in the adjusted amount of \$4,772.50. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Working on better recordkeeping, using a records management program; ordered some new meters; EGLE letter – as we do samples for lead and copper, we need to have hard copies of the report. Regarding sewer, he met with Barry Christian for a full day and will be back tomorrow at 9:30 to finish up; there will be a long list of violations.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Handled earlier under Superintendent report.
2. Cyber Security Insurance: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to amend our insurance coverage to include Cyber Security coverage in our liability insurance. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. July 22 Road Patrol Log received.
2. Letter from Daniel J. Forner regarding manhole covers.
3. Richard Brauer Productions – Letter to use Trapp Park & Street Barricades: Motion by Heniser, seconded by Smith, to authorize Brauer Productions to use the Trapp Park and village barricades for filming in September and October as requested. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion

9:11 p.m. Public Input

Mary Harvey spoke regarding the RV Park -- the rocks are falling into the lake and the steps are tipping due to erosion.

Don Cervin, White Birch Trail, spoke regarding the power at the RV Park.

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Vicki Carpenter reported that Music in the Street is tomorrow; Sidewalk Sale this weekend; Team Marathon 2nd Saturday in August; Fall Festival 1st Saturday in October; Labor Day Bridge Walk 9:15 p.m. Public Input Closed

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

Motion by Smith, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk