

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. by President Dan Smith at the village hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre
Staff Present: Superintendent Streeter, Clerk Olney, County Commissioner Nye
Excused: Treasurer Lumm and ZA Carland
Public Present: Jeff Haynes and Keith Boehm

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve the agenda as amended, adding NonPoint Source Grant under New Business. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Dawns, seconded by Hook, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only – None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, reported on the county foreclosure sale; Zillow requesting documents from the Register of Deeds for free; Benzie Senior Resources; Animal Control and mask mandate are big issues going on right now.

ZA Carland -- Excused

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm (excused)

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to accept the Treasurer's report for August 2021 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – things have been really busy; have had two main water leaks.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – 2022 Budget documents will be coming out soon; provided a Revenue and Expenditure report for August 2021; Short-Term Rental Ordinance – asks the council to adopt the DRAFT Ordinance to start the public comment period, it will be placed on the website and will do a mailing to the water bill list.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to adopt the proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance for publication for public comment. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

We have had a request to place a Lost and Found site on our website.

Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to set up a simple Lost and Found area on our website for things of value brought to the Village. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – The sediment basin equipment is set up and ready to start with the dredging.

Trustee Browning: Parks/Recreation – I survived the first summer with Parks & Rec; we have a letter from trailer park renters; we need to bring the trailer park up to market rates and determine what our costs are. President Smith stated that it is a campground, not a trailer park. Annie will respond to the renters; she also spoke about the Parks & Rec 5-year plan – the goal is to get the beach bathhouse updated.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – she has filed the Act 51 Employee related conditions report stating that we are in compliance with health insurance. She has provided a July 4 To Do List – it will be tabled and brought back up in January to discuss and plan for next year.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – All OK

Superintendent Streeter: Reported on water leaks at Benzie Street and Well 1 on Spring Valley. Sewer lift station is running on one pump now. Would like to build a lean-to on the sewer bond building – council says to proceed with an estimate of cost; they have been cleaning up around the buildings here too.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. **Betsie Valley Trail:** Request to add cement slab, bench and trash can at the Trail Head; council has concerns about plowing; Annie will go back to the Trail council with our concerns and ask that they get in touch with Brady regarding placement of a cement slab – tabled to October.
2. **Refuse Bags:** Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Browning, to increase the refuse bag charge to \$30.00 per pack of 10, effective immediately. Roll call. Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
3. **Blarney Castle Card:** Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to authorize the client Agreement as presented and continue service. Roll call. Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
4. **NonPoint Source Grant with EGLE:** Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to accept the EGLE NonPoint Source Program Grant Agreement as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

9:10 p.m. Public Input

Keith Boehm stated that he was happy with the response that his wife received at home from the village crew. Vicki Carpenter reported that Music in the Street has been completed and over 5,100 people were in attendance; thank you to the village crew for their assistance throughout the summer; Bridge Walk on Labor

Day had over 200 people participate; September 29 will be clean up with the Middle School students; September 14 will be the Beulah Boosters meeting; Fall Fest – \$500 donation will be used toward the horse drawn wagons; according to Archibald Jones, 2023 will be 150 years since the plug was pulled on Crystal Lake.
9:24 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: October 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk