

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference.

Present: Trustees Downs, Hook, Pallin (arrived at 5:40) Smith and VanDePerre, Superintendent Bowers, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney, ZA Carland (arrived at 5:53)

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Absent: Pallin Motion carried.

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Downs, to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2020 special meeting as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Absent: Pallin Motion carried.

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Down, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2020 special meeting as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Absent: Pallin Motion carried.

5:40 p.m. Trustee Pallin arrives.

Bills: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Hook, to approve payment of the bills for March 2020 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

5:46 p.m. Public Comment – None

Correspondence:

Request from Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network regarding Japanese knotweed. No action taken; Trustee Hook will contact them and ask about the on-site evaluation; President Smith has offered to participate with Trustee Hook regarding gathering of additional information.

Rhonda Nye, County Commission – not present

ZA Carland reported that he is seeking specific information regarding the Papano's property lines for taxes; looks like this property is partially in the Village and partially in the Township.

Trustee Downs stated that it looks like the boundary line goes through the building.

ZA Carland also reported on the purchase of the church at 130 S Benzie Blvd— the plan is to have it be converted to a house; they are looking to change the roofline and the steeple has structural issues.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm—the water bond payment (Water System Improvement Account) has been made with the next payment due in October 2020; Equipment fund balance is low; beginning to receive water bill payments; will work on an assessment to be sure there are sufficient funds for the October payment. Motion by Downs, seconded by Hook, to accept the Treasurer's report for April 2020 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Streets/Sidewalks – she inquired if the street sweeping is still scheduled for May 13? Yes What about the repairing of some of the streets? Bowers reported that we will repair what we can with cold patch in pot holes, back parking lot and also East Street between Benzie Blvd and US-31. Trustee Pallin asked that the road to the RV Park also be added to the list.

Water/Sewer: Trustee VanDePerre asked Bowers if the hook-ups are being scheduled –

Veldhuis – Cozy Comfort: In the process of figuring out how to do that one.

Laundromat – Bowers indicated that there is no movement and you shouldn't force them until the new water main is placed down Center Street. They won't be receptive to the \$2,500 hook-up fee in order to test something out, they won't go for that.

This discussion will be continued.

Is there one other not hooked up? Yes, on Benzie Court that has a well; they are ready to hook-up; Bowers doesn't think we can force them to hook-up – Council indicated that the Ordinance is very clear.

Last meeting talked about sending out cross-connection brochures; brochure to all water customers, will not go out until the next bill.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – he asked how the BS&A project is coming? Margaret stated that Denny has been in did some work with the BS&A people; no other calls from administrative people.

Buildings/Grounds: Nothing to add; will talk with Eric Newberg about finishing repairs on the trailhead building and Chris Bott regarding settling basin dredging.

Trustee Pallin: Parks/ Rec – says welcome back Dan Hook; June 15 we will open the RV Park but it could happen at any time; perhaps we can get things ready – water turned on; building cleaned, do it now. Bowers agrees. Pallin also stated to Bowers that we need to keep the Village clean, not the residents, which includes the tennis court and all parks. With regard to the RV park, we should prorate the fees based on the normal schedule would be.

Pam Sudney, Office Manager, indicated that she has spoke with all of the RV residents relaying that the Governor's EO says that campgrounds cannot open yet; the renters are OK with prorating and she will collect at the time they come in. All council members are in agreement.

Pam also stated that if some people are unable to come this year, she would like roll their deposit over to next year and allow them to keep their spot for next season; we would then rent their spot this year. All council members are in agreement.

Trustee Hook asked if there has been discussion regarding extended the date for boats to be in due to the COVID; July 1 is the date set and has not been changed, in the past if people had trouble getting their boats in, the Village has always worked with them.

Eric Newberg has been working at the RV Park and has been very helpful; roofs on two buildings have been replaced with funds budgeted for. The bathroom at the RV Park needs a new roof, but has not been budgeted for. Trustee Hook asked if there were funds in the Parks/Rec budget that can be moved around to cover that cost – they will work together to review the budget.

Trustee Pallin stated that in the past the residents of the RV Park have fixed up the lawn down there, all on their own. He asked Bowers if he could get a scoop of top soil down there for their use.

Trustee Downs reported that there is a piece of equipment behind the pump house; Bowers will see that it is discarded on clean-up day.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – No report.

Superintendent Bowers: Sweeping will be done next week; he and Brady are back to working normal hours now; people are coming up and we are putting in water meters – doing everything that we can. Clous will be bring schematics for striping after the sweeping is completed; working on striping handicap parking areas as well – Bowers does have signs for those spaces; will be putting up street signs; this summer he is intending to close West Lake Street on one side – will be one way up the hill; has the proper signage for it, because they have nowhere to put the snow.

Trustee Pallin asks if you are making one-way in front of his house – no, that area will still be two-way.

Trustee Downs indicated that it is crazy.

Bowers indicated OK, we won't do it. Intent was to get everyone used to it in the summer.

Trustee VanDePerre suggests to wait until we need to close the street; address it at the time it is needed.

Entire council agrees – do not close the street at this time.

Old Business: Trustee Downs asked the Crystal Lake Watershed is still planning to treat the 6 acres for milfoil? Pam indicated that she has no additional information related to that.

New Business: None

7:00 p.m. Public Input:

Vicki Carpenter, 6932 Crystal Avenue, reported that the CLCBA met today regarding their summer events: there has been no direction yet from Lansing for June, July and August; Cancelling Music In The Park early in the summer, but may be able to hold other music events later in the summer; they will not solicit the businesses to support Music in the Park; she will contact to Frankfort to see if they have made a decision on July 4th, but probably will not happen; Maybe a Belated July 4 celebration. Art Fair – they will offer to the vendors to roll their deposits to 2021. Bike Benzie will be a Virtual Bike Ride in June. Mary Heffelfinger shared that the Benzie Business Bureau is in transition with Traverse and staffing will be reduced at the Chamber when the transition is complete.

Pam Sudney asks Vicki for the information to place on the website, the website has been getting a lot of hits – that's good.

- 1) President Smith – can she change the closed dates on the website for the office to May 28 based on the EO being extended. All council agree that yes it should be changed.
- 2) Trustee VanDePerre the cross-connect paperwork, can scan and put on the website as well.
- 3) Trustee Hook – welcome back; you have been missed.
- 4) Dawn Olney – welcome – she will be an asset to the office and you.

Next meeting: June 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference

Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

