

Village of Beulah  
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeri VanDePerre at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre

Staff Present: Superintendent Streeter, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney

Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Marcia Behm, Janice Cooney and Sherry Bock

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

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

Minutes: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Downs, seconded by Smith, to approve payment of the bills for April 2022 as presented. Roll call.

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

Appointment of New Council Member: President VanDePerre introduces Mark Heniser as a new council member. Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to concur with President VanDePerre for the appointment of Mr. Heniser. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried. Clerk administers Oath of Office to Mr. Heniser who then joins the council table.

Adoption of Public Comment Statement: Motion by Smith, seconded by Downs, to adopt the Public Comment documents as corrected. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

7:13 p.m. Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Zoning Administrator Coury Carland explained the request to change zoning from General Commercial to Multi Family Residential for property located at 6613 Frankfort Hwy. Prospective buyer would like to turn the property into workforce housing.

7:19 p.m. Public Hearing Open

No public comments from the 4 residents present.

Public Hearing Closed

No action taken; prospective buyer is not present and council would like the opportunity to ask questions.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Nye reported changes at the Government Center – the Register of Deeds retired last month and the County Clerk will be retiring end of this month; EMS annual inspection was completed by the state with Zero Deficiencies; the county audit has been completed with the only concern is the unfunded liability in the retirement program; Merit will make a presentation regarding the broadband survey on May 24; the True North project in Honor is moving forward; Benzonia Township -- the sewer feasibility study is moving forward, however the fire barn project has been put on the back burner for the time being.

ZA Carland reported about the inquires he has received from a couple of businesses in town.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

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

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

Margaret also stated that the Village has been approved for participation in the Low-Income Water Assistance program.

**Committee Reports:**

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – reported that he attended a meeting with the township, Village of Benzonia and County regarding the RFP for the sewer study feasibility study. Brady indicates that the new pump is in and working great.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – reported that following last month's meeting, he reached out to our insurance company regarding the request from the Benzie Aquatic group for coverage – our policy does not allow for it; he has notified the group of the response from insurance.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – No report

Trustee Browning: Parks & Recreation – reported Short Term: Cassidy Pallin has started as the Campground Manager; Annie will become more involved with the boat docks this year; rip rap has been installed at the Campground; we need to schedule the July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Long Term: will be working with Gosling Czubak regarding grants and will reach out to them in July or August.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported on pavement markings – Lake Street to be done this year; also, blue curbs for handicap and yellow for crosswalks. We need to install metal Handicap signs to make violations enforceable. Gosling Czubak contract for Benzie Street.

Motion by Loll, seconded by Smith, to approve the Gosling Czubak contract for professional services for Benzie Street, from Crystal Avenue to North Street as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that all winter equipment has been cleaned and put away, and the Spring/Summer equipment is coming out.

Superintendent Streeter: Brady indicated they have had a busy month; having contact with Elmer's with the road work going on; new sewer pump is in and working great; still waiting to hear when the generators will be here.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Meeting Date Changes: President VanDePerre would like to change the July and August council meetings from Thursday to Wednesday so we are not conflicting with Music in the Street. Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to change the July meeting date from July 7 to July 6 and the August meeting date from August 4 to August 3 as requested. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
2. Credit Card Policy: Trustee Hook thanks Deann for her work on gathering the information for purchases and to be sure of purchases are tax exempt. Trustee Loll explained the purpose and need for this card. Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to adopt Resolution 2022-002 Establishing Credit Card Policy & Procedures as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
3. Gosling Czubak Contract for Benzie Street: Handled during Trustee Loll's report.
4. Clean Up Day Discussion: Clean-Up Day scheduled for Saturday June 11, 2022 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Permits are required to be picked up at the Village Office prior to dumping. Proof of Village residency is required to obtain a permit. Treasurer Lumm volunteered to be in the office on that day for those that may need a permit.
5. E-Coli Monitoring for Beulah Beach: Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to contract with SOS Analytical in the amount of \$1,500 for E.Coli testing at Beulah Beach for 13 weeks, June 15 – September 7, 2022 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
6. Master Plan Update: Trustee Downs spoke regarding the 1997 Master Plan which was to be reviewed every 5 years which has not been done; talked with Sara Kirk about doing a new Master Plan which takes 8 – 9 months and \$12,000 - \$15,000, but we need to have a Master Plan; asks to review this together with two other council members to work with him on the review.

Correspondence:

Letter from Rebecca Hubers, Emergency Management Coordinator regarding a county youth program.

Email received from DTE.

CLCBA memo regarding 2022 Summer Music process.

8:18 p.m. Public Input

Vicki Carpenter reported on Beulah Boosters Spring meeting May 24 at 5:15 p.m. at the Pavilion; Master Plan.

Sherry Bock spoke regarding the blight issue behind East Shore Market.

8:21 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: June 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney

Beulah Village Clerk