

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 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 and VanDePerre

Staff Present: Superintendent Cypert, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney

Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Dick Ide, John Holland, Pam Sudney, Mary Szwed, Jennifer McLean, Shorlene Duggan, Joan Duggan, Mike & Janice Cooney Marsha Behm, Robin Money, Peter Maris, David Rowe, Craig Harris

Motion by Downs, seconded by Heniser, to confirm the appointment of Jerome (jerry) Smith to the Village of Beulah council. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda: Motion by Downs, seconded by Loll, to approve the agenda as amended, moving Communication to Council #2 and #3 to News Business; #7 Music in the Street to correct payee; Planning Commission Bylaws under ZA time; Mike Fekete letter. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Loll, seconded by Heniser, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Downs, to approve payment of the bills for May 2023 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 provided a written report and spoke regarding Networks Northwest; Strategic Plan; Truth in Taxation; Sheriff considering using state grants for 16-week officer training program; Rebecca Hubers, Emergency Manager, spoke to them about CERT team; Grand Traverse Construction contract; Parks & Rec Feasibility Study; Benzie Broadband expansion; Infants in the Workplace policy.

Joan Duggan Letter: President VanDePerre read the letter from Ms. Duggan and Trustee Hook read email from Mr. Fekete regarding the Non-Point Source Project rain gardens.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm reported that May was quiet; Road Millage and Act 51 funds are recorded on the report; Newsletter will be sent with the tax bills.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to accept the Treasurer's report for May 2023 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – President VanDePerre reported that they are still working with EGLE and we do not have the ACO yet; we have a tentative meeting set for June 26. Trustee Smith stated that we are still waiting for the ACO but our preparations are moving forward.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – No report

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – reported Planning Commission next meeting is next week, June 20 at 4:00 p.m.; Thank you to Phil and Vicki for attending their meetings; we need to approve the Bylaws; still working to get another bid for spoils removal – no luck in getting a bid from an excavator.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – reported Trapp Park has basketball lines painted; beach is done; RV Park bumps are being worked out; the manager is doing well; Cards are requesting a refund for both lots; Trustee Heniser recommends no refund for Lot 7 since there is no way to fill for the whole summer; swim area has been revamped; cable is working.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to refund lot 6 deposit of \$1,000 to Mr. and Mrs. Card and the Village of Beulah to retain Lot 7 deposit due to cancelation being last minute. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported regarding the Road Commission contract for paving of Crystal Drive has been signed (it was approved prior); The village will not get involved with the Leonard Court/Leonard Drive issue – this is a private road; she is still working on the street light issue at Crystal Drive & US 31.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that the street sweeping was done later than planned due to equipment issues with the company; the new truck is in.

Superintendent Cypert: Jeff indicated there is concern with the fish on the beach, they try to clean it up each Friday; dump day went well – was a little slow; Gillison’s is trying to find a mower for the ponds.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Sewer Project funding Options: Andy Campbell, CPA, Director with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors reviewed some options for funding of the sewer project which will be required when the ACO is received from the State; considerations are increase of rates, bond millage, Headlee override of the village’s operating millage. All options will be considered when the ACO is received
2. Water/Sewer Rate Resolution: Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to adopt resolution 2023-002 Establishing Current Water & Sewer Rates and Changes as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
3. Peter Maris & David Rowe – Eden Brook Request for zoning change: Zoning Administrator Tim Cypher is present for discussion; site plan review has been provided to council for their review; would like to convert to 14 transient units; 500 sq ft each; parking in back; sewer/water tap fees discussed – would

be more like STR. Mr. Maris stated that this will be a single ownership with no intent to seek individual units; Tim asks for Kerrie to opine on the condo to hotel/motel. President VanDePerre stated that they need to amend and submit correct plans; there are too many misconceptions. Mr. Rowe asks if he could reach out to the Village Attorney to discuss the matters. ZA Cypher stated that he would like to brief Ms. Zeits on this matter prior to Mr. Rowe speaking with her; direction to Ms. Zeits should come from the village, not Mr. Rowe.

4. ZA Cypher reviews the Planning Commission Bylaws with Council having a couple of amendments. Motion by Heniser, seconded by Loll, to approve the Planning Commission Bylaws as amended. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Abstain: Browning Motion carried.
5. Library Sign Request: ZA Cypert will send Trustee Hook an application.
6. L-4029 Tax Rate Request: Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to approve the 2023 Tax Rate Request at 7.8864 mills as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
7. Reimburse Cards for RV Park Deposit – 2 lots: Handled under Parks & Recreation.
8. Sheriff Road Patrol contract – Revised: Motion by Hook, seconded by Smith, to accept the 2023 Sheriff Patrol Agreement between the Village of Beulah and the Benzie Sheriff Office as amended. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
9. CLCBA – Music in the Street Request: Motion by Downs, seconded by Loll, to amend the motion from last meeting to authorize payment of Music in the Street to the band The Wayouts. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
10. CLCBA – Fireworks Request – Dick Ide: Motion by Smith, seconded by Downs, to authorize donation to West Shore Fireworks in the amount of \$1,000 for the July 4th 2023 fireworks. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

9:40 p.m. Public Input

Vicki Carpenter, CLCBA, stated that before the next meeting, we will have held 2 concerts in the street, July 4th festivities, Art Fair.

Mary Szwed, 6625 Crystal Ave, reported that the majority of the lot owners decided that the street sign (Leonard Court/Street) should be changed.

9:41 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: July 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Browning, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney, Beulah Village Clerk