

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 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, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney, ZA Carland (via telephone), County Commissioner Nye

Public Present: Jeff Haynes; Vicki Carpenter

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to approve the agenda as amended, adding Juneteenth Holiday discussion and Email regarding Parking on Benzie Blvd, both to New Business. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021 regular meeting as corrected. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Public Comment – None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, reported about the BACN building project; County Administrator position has been filled; County has been working on their budget; Broadband; ARPA discussions will be held.

ZA Carland reported that he denied the application to build on the Benzie Street project, it is no where near being adequate for the watershed district; alleged condo project, which application was approved earlier, is only good for 12 months; State Savings Bank permit was issued for a drive-thru ATM.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – everything is work well; have had a couple new connections; the cross connection was complete with the exception of 1.

Lucky Dog: They have agreed to cover our costs; they will call Miss Dig; fence will not be attached to the ground; they will complete the permit, return to the village with the fee, if there is an emergency, they will remove the equipment, otherwise the village has the right to move it.

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Hook, to approve the Right of Way permit to Lucy Dog as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Employee Handbook: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Browning, to adopt the full-time status of Brady Streeter and Jeff Cypert to be retroactive to the actual date of hire. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Downs, to change the employee handbook pages 6 and 7 as follows: Vacation days being credited on the date of "Full Time Employment" (for Brady and Jeff that will be date of hire). We will no longer use January 1; and Sick days have a maximum carry over of 160 days on January 1 of each year and will be adjusted accordingly. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – **Resolution 2021-004:** Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve Resolution 2021-004 Accepting Utility Easements as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Hook reported that the Audit is complete and will meet Friday with the auditors for an exit interview; the budget process for next year will begin late October- early November – be thinking of any special project you need.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – Eurasian Milfoil treatment is 90% complete; we are on track for the dredging later this year.

Trustee Browning: Parks/Recreation – Did a walk through with Gosling Czubak to see the parks; looking forward to working with them for grants; Trailer Park is stable; Beach House bathroom – have spoke with Gosling Czubak about the need for updates there; Fair and Northway Parks need updates; Tennis & Pickle Ball Courts need updating.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – would like to make a list of things that need to be completed to prepare of the 4th of July events and how things can be improved, we will work together; Act 51 Street financial report needs to add non-motorized expenses; when she ordered the custom stencil for the sidewalks, they sent 2.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – No report.

Superintendent Streeter: nothing going on with water/sewer; looking to cut some trees at the ponds; equipment is all good, did have a few minor fixes; suspect some foul play at Fair Park with the list on the water – would like to look into a grant for security for that park of perhaps two cameras and also for the sewer ponds.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Candace Riddle is concerned about parking downtown – it all comes down to enforcement. Will look at better signage.

Juneteenth: President Smith asks to consider making it a Village holiday for employees' retro to include this year; Council takes no action.

President ProTem VanDePerre asks that council have their information for each meeting to the clerk early enough to allow her to have it to us to consider prior to each meeting. Clerk would prefer the Saturday prior to the meetings.

9::21 p.m. Public Input

Vicki Carpenter appreciates the discussion regarding last week; Music in the Park (Street) had 375 people in attendance; they have had good feedback on the parade route; Art Fair is this Saturday; the negative from the holiday weekend was that 3 businesses were spray painted.

Jeff Haynes commented regarding the parking on Main Street – it is also an issue on Lake Street, it deprives parking for the beach; there are also a lot of employees parking there as well; perhaps you could add parking maps to the website.

9:29 p.m. Public Input Closed

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

Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk