

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 6, 2022, 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 Streeter, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney, Office Mgr Pam Sudney, ZA Carland

Public Present: John Fortine, Jeff and Karen Haynes, Vicki Carpenter, Barbara Skurdall

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda: Motion by Smith, seconded by Downs, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to approve payment of the bills for June 2022 as presented. Roll call.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Correspondence:

Commissioner Nye was not presented, but did provide the council information regarding the Animal Control Services and School and Youth Resource Officers Millage request, together with a Guide to Property Taxes, Proposal A, and Headlee Amendment.

ZA Carland reported that it has been a quiet few weeks-- he has spoken with a resident on 3rd Street regarding a teardown and rebuild; spoke with a homeowner on Crystal Avenue; and was contacted regarding a trailer parked on Benzie Blvd.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm reported that quarterly transfers are included in this report; taxes are coming in; have received the first application for the water assistance program; have been billing Elmer's for the water usage during the road construction.

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

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – had no report.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – reported that the audit has been completed and copies of the final report has been put in each member's mailbox, asks everyone to review it, especially the Letter to Management.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – reported that we have had no interest to serve on the Planning Commission; President VanDePerre asked the clerk to check with Code RED to see if that is something that can be sent out to all Benzonia Township and Village of Beulah residents.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – reported on several items:

- Boat hoist reconciliation, a few letters will need to be sent out.
- Day Dock – seems to be OK now after two issues.
- Fishing Dock -- Cottage Pros does not want to continue to install and remove this dock so he will be looking for a new vendor.
- Beach House – locks have been changed.
- Campground (Trailer Park) – some repairs have been completed, would propose that after Labor Day we fill, level, seed and mulch; would also propose to close the off season (except the one renter that is scheduled) of September 2022 and May 2023 to get the repairs handled; there are also too many cars there; trailers are parking on the asphalt.
Trustee Hook suggests to get a couple of bids with specs to Kerby and AJs and bring back in August.
- Looking into grant to replace the beach bathhouse and beach sand; sand request will be put into the FY 2023 budget.

Motion by Browning, seconded by Heniser, to not accept reservations for the shoulder season of September 2022 and May 2023 for the Trailer Park. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre
Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported that PK Striping did a great job and agrees regarding the cheap paint; had a request from a resident about traffic on Crystal Drive – he can put up his own sign. Had a request for a crosswalk to be placed on US 31 near Cherry Hut – Deanne will respond to the resident that we will not be considering this request. Utility trailer – Ordinance 66-1 talks about this issue so we should follow the Ordinance; Deanne will ask for the homeowner to send a request for a permit to the Village to get a permit as stated in the Ordinance.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that all equipment is working OK; no word on the Big red truck.

Superintendent Streeter: Brady stated that the July 4th holiday went very smooth. Water: Fire suppression company can do flow test; will point wells next week; Peerless can only calibrate Well 1. Copper samples are all OK – no lead or copper was found. Sewer: All OK – windy days all blows to one side and causes bacteria. Truck – build date is December 9. Waiting for a quote from John Popp for patching. Locks on the Village Building and Beach House have been changed – will be having the back locks on the garage area.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Deficit Elimination Plan: Motion by Hooks, seconded by Smith, to adopt resolution 2022-004 regarding Sewer Fund Deficit Elimination Plan as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

President VanDePerre received a thank you note from a donor for a plaque and read the statement: "David Dale Bogema is a Kalamazoo County resident who has visited the Village of Beulah and the greater Traverse City area with his family many times over the last 30 years. On the occasion of his 70th birthday, his daughters, Stephanie and Meghan Bogema, wanted to honor his tremendous legacy as a wonderful husband, father and mentor by having a plaque affixed to a bench in front of one of his favorite spots: Crystal Lake. As a family, we intend to enjoy this bench with him in the coming years and are deeply honored that this plaque recognizing his integrity and many contributions to our family will remain here forever. The Village of Beulah will always hold a very special place in our hearts.

8:21 p.m. Public Input

Barb Skurdall told the council that 14 kids and 5 adults have been having tennis lessons; the tennis court was resurfaced and it needs some work now; she was notified by someone that kids were bouncing on the net at 3:30 a.m. one day.

John Fortine requests maintenance on the boat launch.

Vicki Carpenter reported of the great July 4th holiday; the new handicap signs in town are great; flower boxes and barrels look great; thank you to Brady – the streets looked great.

Pam Sudney spoke about the Park Pavilion – should we allow reservations, or continue as first come, first served. We will continue as first come, first served.

8:38 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Downs, seconded by Heniser, to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney

Beulah Village Clerk