

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. by Pro Tem VanDePerre via teleconference.

Present: Trustees Browning (Beulah), Downs (Beulah), Hook (Beulah), Loll (Beulah), and VanDePerre (Beulah)
Excused: President Smith
Staff Present: Superintendent Streeter (Beulah), Treasurer Lumm (Beulah), Clerk Olney (Beulah), ZA Carland (Benzonia Twp), County Commissioner Nye (Benzonia Twp)
Public Present: Vicki Carpenter, Barb Skurdall and Anne Strehle

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Motion by Downs, seconded by Hook, to approve the agenda as amended, moving Closed Session after the final Public Input. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith
Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith
Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Public Comment – None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, reported that the Board of commissioners continue to focus on the Strategic Plan; with the retirement of the County Administrator and resignations from the Finance Manager and Deputy County Administrator, the county has hired an Executive Search Committee to replace the County Administrator. We will be advertising for the Deputy County Administrator and for a part-time person for now to assist with APs and Payroll; we are updating the audio/visual in the County Board room with Zoom.

ZA Carland reported that the sign issue at Cognition has been taken care of, just waiting for permit. Been talking with an individual with commercial property for sale and asking about additional uses to increase the possibility to sell.

Vicki Carpenter reported that CLCBA will not be holding an Easter Egg hunt this year; Music in the Park will continue with social distancing and masks; they have applied for a grant from Consumer Energy to support Music in the Park.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer –

Amended Water Ordinance: Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to approve the Amendment to the Water Ordinance 2017-1 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Sewer Ordinance 2021-01: Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to approve Ordinance 2021-001 Sewer Service with changes as discussed. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance –

1) SAW Grant Draw: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve draw #11 and authorize payment of two invoices in the amount of \$1,325 and \$937.00 to Gosling Czubak. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

2) Short-Term Rental Ordinance: A rough draft of an Ordinance has been provided which follows Leland's Ordinance; discussions held regarding various sections; Encourage neighbors to know the contact information for the rental; when adopted, will be put on the Village Website.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds –Settling Basin – two bids were received. Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to accept the bid from Arcadia Marine in the amount of \$48,950 plus \$9,000 bid alternate if necessary, for dredging in late summer early fall. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Trustee Browning: Parks/Recreation – continues to work and learn more about the RV Manager position; she recommends posting the job and have someone on board for May 1, 2021 start date. Inquired regarding the Parks & Rec Plan – Trustee Hooks stated that there are funds in the budget to have the plan updated. Will get the RV Manager position advertised for.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported that she has spoken with the clerk regarding the Act 51 report and we are working on it, Kelly's Alley needs to be added. Trustee Loll stated that with our last snowfall, she felt that the business owners did a good job with cleaning the streets and sidewalks. Trustee Loll will visit with Crystal Surveying regarding the request to pave Lake Street beyond the trailer park.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that everything is in good shape.

Superintendent Streeter: Reported that everything is running good; parts have been ordered for Big Red; they are working on cleaning up the equipment after winter. He asked about getting Belanger's a new water service line; are we required to get COVID vaccines? Pro Tem VanDePerre stated that she will find out and let them know. He is being trained on preparing the monthly operating and water reports; sewer line on Center Street has root infiltration through the joints – could we get that replaced this summer.

Old Business: Verizon Master Agreement: Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to approve the signing of the Master Agreement with Verizon as presented. Rollcall. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre
Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

New Business: Thank you letter received from Cognition for the assistance in acquiring a 2% Grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

7:27 p.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to enter closed session with attorney Karrie Zeits to discuss an attorney/client privileged opinion. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None
Exc: Smith Motion carried.

8:08 p.m. Re-enter Open Session

Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to withdraw the annexation proposal discussed in closed session. Roll call.
Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Next meeting: April 8, 2021

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll,
and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

mDawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk