

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference.

Present: Trustees Downs, Hook, Pallin (arrived at 6:10) Smith and VanDePerre, Superintendent Streeter, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney, ZA Carland (arrived at 5:48), County Commissioner Nye

Conflict of Interest by any Council Member: None

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Downs, to approve the agenda as amended, adding SAW Draw Request #9 to New Business. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Abs: Pallin Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Abs: Pallin Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve payment of the bills for September 2020 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Abs: Pallin Motion carried.

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only -- None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, reported that the Benzie Broadband Summit will be held on October 12 and presented in webinar format with a panel of residents, businesses, government and community leaders in Benzie County to bring us all up to date with where we are and where we need to go; this will be held from 7 – 8:30 p.m.; you can send in questions ahead of time.

ZA Carland reported that he has had inquiries regarding – approved a deck permit; inquiry from a gentleman regarding property on Crystal Avenue with a possible property line dispute – they want to put a split rail fence up; an individual stated that he property card indicated that his parcel is unbuildable, ZA will reach out to the former ZA and the assessor to discuss this. Work is being done on Crystal Ave for replacement of driveway and deck, but they do not need a permit if staying with the same footprint.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

With the upgrade to the BS&A system, we now have General Ledger, Accounts Payable and Payroll Account; we are now using pooled accounting and went from 15 bank accounts to 1; have worked with the Federal and State government regarding direct receipts and payments now using the correct account number; new system will automatically posted the revenue into correct accounts on water/sewer and tax account when payments are posted; when the checks are done, the correct fund and G/L account number for a particular invoice are selected and internally it is all taken care of; one 1 account now needs to be balanced, rather than 15 – all of the same information is on the Treasurer's report as before.

Quarterly Transfers & Payroll issues – for 3rd qtr that we do quarterly transfers as in the past. Dan Hook is asking BS&A to have a conference call to discuss some items and 1/4ly transfers is one of them; also need to discuss payroll itself, we need an ordinance to set up how straight time, overtime, double time is handled --- we need to know these things to set up BS&A; another item is what Jim will do be doing going forward with regard to paying the SOM and all taxes.

Dan Hook stated that our staff will be paying taxes, not Jim.

All tax collection information has been settled with the County and we have received a check for the delinquent taxes – the County collects them.

Water and Sewer bills will be done next week – meters are being read now.

Margaret will reach out to BS&A regarding Asset Management.

Backflow data report is also provided – we still have 5 outstanding; Jeri VanDePerre stated that we do have recourse to turn off their service is the information is not provided.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to accept the Treasurer’s report for September 2020 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – still working hard at repairing our sewer issues in the Village; the village crew is working very hard to get all reporting issues taken care of.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – Will be providing budget information as soon as we have financial statement ending September 30; Short-Term Rental Committee – they are putting it together and will seek volunteers to service; they will work on an ordinance for legal review and final approval to council.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – dredging of the sediment basin; Gosling Czubak has applied for the permit and getting ready to go out for bids, unsure of a timeline. Non-Point Source Grant application round 2 will be used to come up with some solutions to our stormwater drainage system.

Trustee Pallin: Parks/Recreation – reminder that the RV park pipes need to be drained so they don’t freeze and get things get stored and put away for the winter.

Trustee VanDePerre: Streets & Sidewalks – street signs that don’t have N, S, E, W – Vicki Carpenter has tracked down how to label with reflective labels, she has worked with MDOT and it will be done in compliance with their rules.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – our equipment is in the best shape in a number of years; the crew has been breaking down the equipment to clean it before winter, then will clean again at the end of the season; Brady stated that records are being kept and logged of all work being done; building looks good.

DPW Brady Streeter: reported that they are working on cleaning up the equipment for Winter; getting caught up on water and sewer items; quote from Flaska regarding brick pavers and Top Line for the Streetlights – from the accident in August 2020. Dawn gave them an update on the process to date.

Old Business:

Cintas Agreement: Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve a Service Agreement with Cintas for uniform services for 60 months as presented. Roll Call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Village of Clinton: President Smith will contact attorney regarding this.

Cottage Pros: President Smith has spoken with Cottage Pros and discussed the cost. Superintendent Streeter to move forward and contact Cottage Pros for dock removal.

New Business:

SAW Draw #9: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve SAW Grant Draw #9 in the amount of \$7,622.10 and authorize payment to Gosling Czubak in the total amount of \$8,469.00. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

6:59 p.m. Public Input

Vicki Carpenter reported that the CLCBA says Thank You for the support for Fall Fest; we had over 350 people and several people thanked them for doing it. Checked with downtown businesses for holding a downtown Trick or Treating on Saturday October 31 from 3-5 pm with social distancing – working with the Health Department as well; Beulah Boosters is nearly done with the sign painting.

Annie Browning stated she appreciates joining your meetings, but wondered if there is any thinking about in-person meetings.

Pam Sudney spoke regarding the inquiry on Local Streets – she did not provide the Quick Books report that some of the bills went out on.

Margaret Lumm says Thank You for the street sign at Lake Street & Crystal Avenue.

7:07 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: November 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk