

Village of Beulah  
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference.

Present: Trustees Downs, Hook, Pallin (arrived at 7:10) Smith and VanDePerre, Superintendent Streeter, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney, ZA Carland, County Commissioner Nye

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the agenda as amended, adding to New Business: Discussion on Village Docks. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Abs: Pallin Motion carried.

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

Bills: Discussion regarding sewer tap fees to homeowner. Treasurer Lumm will add the excavator cost and the tap fee to the Q3 bill and enclose a copy of the excavator's bill with it. The homeowner was informed that there would be an additional Ready to Serve Charge for this service as well.

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

Public Comment – None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, gave an update on happenings at the county: The acquisition of the Cole property at Railroad Point is now complete and part of RR Point. Point Betsie Lighthouse issue – they are looking at alternatives with a new engineering firm to deal with the apron area. Maples project is nearing completion, then the Building Authority's job will be done; a Document of Understanding has been agreed upon with the Maples and the County. EMS is using UVA lights for sterilization of the ambulances due to COVID patients being transported. There are housing block grants available to assist qualified homeowners with home repairs. Headlee restoration ad hoc committee #3 will begin working on the educational portion.

ZA Carland reported that things are winding down – approved a driveway and deck are being replaced at 5 Corners. Site plan review for houses at the end of the road at the trailer park. Couple questions regarding dry wells – the Health Dept does allow dry wells in the Village, as long as only water is being discharged is water from a basement.

The Record Eagle is asking about an update regarding the marijuana business – they were referred to legal counsel.

Trustee VanDePerre stated that one of the Village Ordinances addresses dry wells too.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

Margaret provided the Treasurer's Report through today; Tax Savings Acct = \$217,678.04 as of 8/31/2020; she has sent 2<sup>nd</sup> requests for backflow test form and have received only one back; Asset Management with BS&A is an application to purchase – we don't have it; Training is going well.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – Sewer: there are a lot of sewer issues going on right now, the crew is doing a great job; pump is being replaced. Water: Thank you to Margaret for sending the 2<sup>nd</sup> notice out; have spoke with a plumber about being the contact person to go to the businesses to do the survey; have been working with Dan Hook to reviewing our ordinances to straighten up very old documentation.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – will be sending out budget requests soon to get working on it; Margaret stated that there are good features in BS&A for the budget.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds: The dredging of the sediment basin – Gosling Czubak contract has been approved to get going on bids; should be happening this Fall – we share the cost of that 50/50 with Benzonia Township.

Trustee Pallin: Parks/Recreation: Absent – Dan Hook will talk with Gary regarding the Lakeshore Electrical bill – hold off at this point.

Trustee VanDePerre: Streets & Sidewalks: Have received a few pieces of correspondence regarding signage – put on hold until next Spring; been working with Brady to be sure our signs are up and correct; compliment letter received on some new street signs.

Trustee Downs: Equipment: regarding the bike stencils, he would also like it put on the roadway regarding the bike path around town. We have been able to address some issues -- Kubota needed to go into the shop regarding hydraulics hook-ups; guys are working hard. Asks Brady when work will be done on the street pole that was damages – no I don't, I haven't gotten ahold of Klaus yet – I'll call him tomorrow.

DPW Brady Streeter: Been a busy month – Jeff Cypert started August 31, he has been helping tremendously, his knowledge is great; been going through inventory in the shop; found old signs that could be posted – no, prefer the stencils on the sidewalks; Pump issue Saturday – hose gave out; Jeff Cypert and he took care of manhole issues at the ponds. Big Red Truck – called Art's and the rear main seal was on backorder for two weeks, should get back next week. Pumps – waiting on impellers. Top of street light – Top Line went to the manufacturer and will be able to get the entire top fixture.

Peerless Quote: Repairs and pulling of pump at Center Street Lift Station. Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the quote with maximum cost of \$11,600, subject to reduction with any parts we have on hand. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Abs: Pallin Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Docks – Discussion held regarding the cost of Cottage Pros removing and installing the dock, the cost is nearly double the verbal quote to Cody; Dan Smith will have a conversation with Chris at Cottage Pros and report back.

Cintas Rental Agreement -- Discussions regarding this agreement; Dawn to research and call Cintas for better understanding of the agreement. Report back at October 8, 2020 meeting.

Road Patrol Report – August and September 2020 Summer Road Patrol report received from Sheriff.

Letters: Toni Markey – Brady has taken care of this issue; there were no back-ups, just smell. Dan Smith to contact Gosling Czubak regarding this matter.

7:10 p.m. Trustee Gary Pallin arrived

Sarah Christian – letter received regarding dock wait list. Committee appointed of Dan Smith, Gary Pallin, Dan Hook, Pam Sudney and Dawn Olney to discuss this process. Dan Hook will coordinate.

Lakeshore Electric: Motion by Pallin, seconded by VanDePerre to authorize payment to Lakeshore Electric Service, LLC in the amount of \$176.00 for work at the RV Park. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Letter received from Village of Clinton – referred to Attorney Zeits for her response; Dan Smith will follow up with her.

7:20 p.m. Public Input

Vicki Carpenter reported that the Benzie Central Schools proposal for millage has been readjusted and will be on the November 3 ballot – looking for volunteers to assist; CLCBA has modified the Fall Fest to the first Saturday in October – will confirm at a later date; the playground equipment offered to us is more involved – the rules for safety and insurance, doesn't make it easy to move; our Parks & Rec Plan needs to be updated to allow us to apply for further grants.

7:23 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: October 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference

Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney  
Beulah Village Clerk