

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeri VanDePerre at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre
Excused: Trustee Loll
Staff Present: Superintendent Streeter, Treasurer Lumm
Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter; Keith and Marsha Boehm

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

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

Minutes: Motion by Smith, seconded by Hook, to approve the December 9, 2021 Budget Hearing (as presented) and regular minutes (as corrected). Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

PUBLIC HEARING – PARKS AND RECREATION 5-YEAR PLAN

Motion by Browning, seconded by Smith, to adopt the 5-year Community Parks & Recreation Plan as presented.

No public comment.

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

Correspondence:

Commissioner Nye reported that the Maples has a new Administrator – Nathaniel (Nate) Loop; 911 is at full staff now; Conservation District Annual Report was provided by Tad Peacock; Doug Durand with Benzie Senior Resources provided his annual report – they have serviced over 2000 in 2021; Special Joint Court meeting regarding lack of beds for juveniles also the new legislation “Raise the Age” putting 17 year old as youth, not adults; No changes in Board of Commissioner leadership for 2022; ARPA final rules are out now.

ZA Carland was excused and President VanDePerre read a report from him – issued permit to Jim Rineer to rebuild house across from the settling basin; fielded an inquiry with a potential buyer for a commercial building; also fielded questions regarding conversion of an upstairs in a commercial building to two apartments – Coury also informed them that if that happened, water and sewer would be charged separate for each unit.

Treasurer’s Report – Margaret Lumm

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – No report; water & sewer hooked up to the equipment building, cost was within the budget range.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – No report.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – No report.

Trustee Browning: Parks & Rec – campground – rates were researched; issues to address storm run-off, soil is depleted, shoreline; she believes that the Village needs to invest in the campground, restrooms, water pressure and utility costs; she shared how other campgrounds do their payments and break out all separate utility costs, ours are all rolled together. Options: nominal increase (1-3%) without improvements; increase by 50% and fix everything; increase by 30% and start on improvements. She believes that we need to invest in the land itself.

Motion by Browning, seconded by Smith, to adopt the 2022 Campground Rules as amended.

Discussions held: Remove Penalty at the beginning (already stated at the end); Cancellations – Jeri – clarify the cancellation penalty – deposit or season lot rent.

Browning amends her motion to consider these changes; Smith seconds.

Ayes: Ayes: Browning, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: Downs Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Motion by Browning, seconded by Smith, to increase the 2022 Campground rates by 30% across the board.

Discussion held. Hook feels 30% is too high; perhaps 10% increase over years.

Browning amends her motion to increase Campground rates by 10% per year across the board for 3 years based on 2021 rates; Smith seconds. Nightly fee to also include the 10% increase.

Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to modify the campground extended season reservation to extended season offered at the cost as indicated in the rate chart attached. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – Excused.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – Big red truck is back, however another truck is in for repairs.

Superintendent Streeter: Excused – President VanDePerre reported – working on keeping up with the snow; Trustee Hook stated that the new box blade is working well.

Old Business:

- a. Campground Refund – Nowell: Lot is not re-rented yet officially; ~~continue practice of 30% retainage of deposit~~ refund 100% under the new rules. Full refund now with no penalty – no motion – by consensus.

New Business:

- a. Performance Resolution for Municipalities: Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning, to accept the Performance Resolution for Municipalities per MDOT requirements – President, President Pro Tem and Maintenance Superintendent. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.
- b. Winter Fireworks Permit: Motion by Hook, seconded by Smith, to approve the 2022 Permit for Fireworks for CLCBA for Floyd Kaminski as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.
- c. Boat Ramp Snow Removal: Trustee Smith stated that when maintenance has time to move the snow they do move it so that residue does not go into the lake. Will advise maintenance to keep on top of the issue.

Public Input

Vicki Carpenter spoke regarding winter fest – ice thickness will impact the fireworks; chili contest; Easter Egg hunt will probably be on hold; cookie sale at the Trailhead Building.

8:39 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: February 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Downs, seconded by Hook, to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk