

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference.

Present: Trustees Downs (Beulah), Hook (Beulah), Pallin (Beulah), Smith (Beulah) and VanDePerre (Beulah)
Others: DPW Brady Streeter (Beulah), Treasurer Lumm (Beulah), Clerk Olney (Beulah), ZA Carland (Beulah)
Public: Annie Browning (Beulah), Debbie Smith (Beulah), Vicki Carpenter (Beulah), Rhonda Nye (Benzonia), Pam Sudney (Homestead Township)

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda: Motion by Downs, seconded by Hook, to approve the agenda as amended, adding to New Business: COVID Plan, Employee Handbook and Non-Point Source Grant Application to EGLE. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only – None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, reported that six County Commissioners remain on the Board and one new member; we continue to look at the Capital Improvements and building on that; the deep dive into the financials continues; EDC resumes their Business Retention Study; the Quarterly Building Dept report was given at the last meeting; the board approved to digitize the Benzie Leelanau Health Dept records to be readily available to the public.

ZA Carland reported that he has worked on one application and fielded several questions regarding real estate acquisitions. There was a 1983 lawsuit with the Village and a homeowner across from the Cherry Hut, they want him to verify that it is a buildable lot before they sell; dealing with a fence dispute on Crystal Avenue; have had correspondence with an architect for the property owners behind the RV Park; have also had telephone calls regarding Planned Unit Developments (PUD) and Condos in the Village..

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

She stated that all but one bank account has been closed and the individual accounts are tracked within the BS&A program by fund.

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – Rick Moesler has been working to get the cross-connection reports completed with the businesses, he had completed 46 business and 6 need some correction; rest of the businesses will be completed in the Spring; Crystal Avenue Lift Station work is continuing.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – Held their first meeting of Short-Term Rentals, with 14 people on the call; it was mostly round table discussions about the purpose for the STR Ordinance. 2021 Budget – will schedule a teleconference with screen sharing with Pres Smith, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney, Pam Sudney and Superintendent Streeter. He stated that the Darcy Library millage revenue from the Township must continue to go through the Village of Beulah. Need to schedule the Budget Hearing for 5:30 p.m. on December 10 prior to the regular council meeting for 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – The dredging of the settling basis will need to be done next year; we will need to go out for bids.

Trustee Pallin: Parks/Recreation – Have been working with Eric Newberg redoing the bathroom in the RV Park, floors are done and the trim; T-dock has been pulled by Cottage Pros.

Trustee VanDePerre: Streets & Sidewalks – there is concern about parking – you can't park on the street overnight to allow for snow removal. Are we enforcing this or not? When we contract with John, he can write tickets on yellow line areas. How do we enforce this; who collects the fine, if they are a resident then it is easier, but if they are from out-of-town, how do we collect. This needs to be worked on. Snow removal from sidewalks – we have equipment to remove the snow and they can put it into the road, we will remove it.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – Brady is feeling more comfortable; the shop looks great; the equipment is being torn apart, cleaned and fixed; we need to start setting money aside to replace Big Red.

Trustee Hook stated that they have set aside \$20,000 toward this as a capital expenditure in the 2021 Budget.

DPW Brady Streeter: He stated that everything he was going to cover has been discussed; clean-up of leaves on the street continues; dealt with a sink hole incident today; working with EGLE representative on old issues.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Remote Attendance Resolution: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Hook, to adopt Resolution 2020-008 Establishing Rules for Remote Attendance as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Garbage Bags: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to increase the cost of garbage bags from \$24.50 to \$25.00 per pack of 10 effective December 1, 2020. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

COVID-19 Plan: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Downs, to adopt the updated COVID-19 Plan to go along with the current original Plan as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Employee Handbook: Motion by VanDePerre, seconded by Hook, to approve the updated Village of Beulah Employee Handbook as of November 19, 2020. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre
Nays: None Motion carried.

Non-Point Source Grant: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to authorize the Village of Beulah to prepare to apply to EGLE for a Non-Point Source Grant which has been scaled down from the first application. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

7:05 p.m. Public Input

Vicki Carpenter, Crystal Avenue, updated the council regarding CLCBA – downtown Trick or Treating went well; Christmas Magic has been cancelled; Library Cookie Sale has been cancelled; still working on a scaled down Winter Fest.

Rhonda Nye reported that the Government Center is open to the public now, Sheriff Dept & Jail only by appointment.

7:08 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: December 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for Budget Hearing and 6:00 p.m. for regular meeting by teleconference.

Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre, to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Village Clerk