

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeri VanDePerre at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre
Staff Present: Superintendent Cypert, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney
Public Present: Jim Kilgus; Marsha & Keith Behm; Vicki Carpenter; Trudi Hook; Steve Lange; Karen Brenneman; Ann Strehlke; Barb Skurdall; Jerry Smith; Debbie Smith; Valerie Gerhart

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

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

Minutes: Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 special meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to approve payment of the bills for March 2023 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Communication to Council:

Commissioner Nye – Excused

ZA Cypher -- Excused

Jim Kilgus – Lack of Snow Stakes: Mr. Kilgus spoke to the board regarding the village not using snow stakes and tearing up his lawn; asks the council several questions.

Vicki Carpenter – Underwriting funds for Tennis Court & Pickle Ball: requests the village to consider collaborating with the Beulah Boosters and CLCBA for fundraising toward resurfacing of the pickleball court and tennis courts; the Boosters will start fundraising and will come back to council for approval.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to accept the Treasurer's report for March 2023 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee: Water/Sewer – President VanDePerre reported that April 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd Floor of the Mills Community House in Benzonia, we will hold a public meeting for the 2023 sewer project; this is needed for the State of Michigan Revolving Fund by May 1; once the meeting is held, a Special meeting will be held on April 26, 2023 at the Village Offices (time TBD) to approve the project following the public meeting.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – No Report

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – reported that she has attended an Essentials of Zoning training; Bob Rosa will be giving estimate on removing spoils; Three Planning Commission members are here tonight.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – reported that the fishing pier should be done tomorrow and install the first week of May; Boat hoist spots need to be marked this week; one more, S7 will not be renewed for unpaid fees. RV Park – waiting on seawall repair before seeding; hiring Park Manager; handicap fence is in; will remark lots; need to purchase a door to install soon. Attended the BVTMC meeting last month. Sand – preliminary bid from Kerby, need a second bid, will be placed on the agenda for the special meeting on April 26.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported that they will continue to be consistent with the No Parking Regulation from November 1 – April 1 of each year, it really helped with plowing snow. A resident, Mr. Clair, sent her an email this winter regarding his property where Crystal Drive was changed, Road Commission will put up more stakes. ACT 51 Map from MDOT to verify streets has been signed and returned; County will be resurfacing Crystal Drive – we will be getting a survey to determine our responsibility.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that nothing has changed since March – except new vehicles has arrived; they are all set to go for summer.

Superintendent Cypert: President VanDePerre reported that there is no ship date yet for the lift station generator; will get the bucket truck this Thursday to put the flags up; they have been cleaning up along the road right-of-way – a lot of sand; CAT has been sent back early; new tractor will be kept at the ponds to start with the cleanup – without the mower deck.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. 2023 Sheriff Patrol Agreement: Motion by Hook, seconded by Heniser, to enter into contract with the Benzie County Sheriff Office for Road Patrol coverage for the 2023 summer season, July 1, 2023 thru September 15, 2023 as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
2. Flag Policy: Motion by Downs, seconded by Heniser, to adopt Village of Beulah Display of Flags on Village Flag Poles, Brackets and Grounds Policy as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

8:14 p.m. Public Comment

Vicki Carpenter, 6923 Crystal Ave, stated that Beulah Boosters and CLCBA will be doing Earth Day clean-up on April 20, 2023 from 9:00 -11:30; Music in the Street – 5 of the 7 weeks are set to go and the Accidentals are scheduled for July 20; Easter Egg hunt was held in Benzonia with about 150 people and over in 9 minutes.

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Barb Skurdall, 7291 Fedonia, Beulah, stated that she will continue this year with tennis lessons on 4 Fridays, with you permission; drainage is an issue on Crystal Drive.

Valerie Gerhart state that the Crystal Lake Overlay Ordinance does not endorse bringing beach sand in.

Mitch Szwed, 6625 Crystal Avenue, stated that he just purchased sand from Gillison's for a reasonable price.

Debbie Smith, 464 Crystal Drive, stated that the tennis courts and pickle ball courts do need repair.

8:21 p.m. Public Comment Closed

Next meeting: May 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Downs, seconded by Loll, to adjourn at 8:21p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney

Beulah Village Clerk