

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. by President Dan Smith via teleconference.

Present: Trustees Browning (Beulah), Downs (Beulah), Hook (Beulah), Loll (Beulah), Smith (Beulah) and VanDePerre (Beulah)

Staff Present: Superintendent Streeter (Beulah), Treasurer Lumm (Beulah), Clerk Olney (Beulah), Pam Sudney (Homestead Twp), ZA Carland (Benzonia Twp), County Commissioner Nye (Benzonia Twp)

Public Present: Jeff Haynes and Vicki Carpenter

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

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

Minutes: Motion by Browning, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Public Comment – None

Correspondence:

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, continue to look at update of the Strategic Plan; Interviews are being scheduled for the top 3 candidates to replace the Deputy Administrator – the title has been changed to HR/Finance Manager; the company hired to assist with the replacement of the County Administrator will report to the board tomorrow on a wage range; County Treasurer reports 3.99% foreclosure rate, there are openings at 911 Central Dispatch; Federal Stimulus money that the County and Townships will be realizing – based on population Benzie County will receive \$3.4 million, the Township of Benzonia will receive \$270,000; they are still working on what the restrictions will be that the money can be used for.

ZA Carland reported things are heating up; inquiry about a property on Benzie Street and they want him to give them blanket approval for building on that property without a site plan; the property falls within the Crystal Lake Watershed district because of the terrain; with 7 acres it is conceivable that they could build on 7 acres – but nothing definitive without a plan in front of him. Fence questions. Excavating near the bottom of Lake Street. Discussed with Atty Zeits regarding the proposal from Lucky Dog regarding a surface easement – Karrie is of the opinion that those terms are not workable – if we allow it for one, we will have to allow for others. Cost of all of this should be borne by the individual, not the village; will be discussed further during New Business later in this meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – May 2021 we will resume cross connections with businesses – 11 to do this year; need to make sure that our pressure reduces are installed; webinar EGLE is putting on – documents that we need to provide to EGLE – Jeff and Brady both should sit through the webinar. Updated the Asset Mgt Plan from Gosling and submitting to EGLE. Thank you to maintenance guys for staying on top of things – no issues.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – sent out an update DRAFT of Short-Term Rental Ordinance – Atty Zeits has reviewed and made corrections -- no action at this time – looking to take effect in January 2022. We applied for a EGLE grant for up to \$25,000 for sewer infrastructure – we could really use a permanent generator at Crystal Ave, so we have applied but have not heard if we have received it yet.

Trustee Hook: Buildings/Grounds – dredging of the ponds – signed the bid documents with Arcadia Marine – scheduled for late summer, early fall.

Trustee Browning: Parks/Recreation – getting her arms around everything with the Parks/Rec – short term issues that she would like to address:

- 1) Hiring the RV Manager (two applicants); Dan Hook suggests that Annie work with President Smith to review the applications; will attend MML training on Saturday.
- 2) Shoreline restoration project in the RV Park – more data needs to be gathered, she spoke with Soil Erosion and has an application and will need \$240.00 fee.
- 3) Rates for RV park (less than half the rates of Northern Michigan), rates should be increased next year.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks –

- 1) Resolution 2021-001 Street Addition Certification: Motion by Loll, seconded by VanDePerre, to adopt resolution 2021-001 to add Kelly's Alley to the Act 51 Street Maps for the Village of Beulah. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
- 2) Resolution for Designation of Street Administrator: Motion by Loll, seconded by Hook, to designate DeAnn Loll as Street Administrator for the Village of Beulah. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
- 3) Lake Street Update: Lake Street – Crystal Surveying provided a copy of a survey showing that Lake Street ends before the asphalt driveway to Mr. Noble's home; she sent an email to Mr. Noble explaining that it is not a Village road.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – Snow plows are off the trucks and repairs will be done on those prior to next winter; working on a small leak in the front loader; everything is running fine.

Superintendent Streeter: Flags are up now; big flag is up in the park; will start repairing some pot holes in the next couple weeks; will be working on some tree trimming; will be patching up the rust holes in the trucks; Loader – would like to get on the list again for next year if we are interested – it performed very well, light winter this year, but we don't know about next year – Dan Hook says yes, put us on the list. DEQ permit to irrigate – is in review status now, hoping they will get us the permit and allow us to irrigate to their standards. T-Dock – will get in by mid-May by Cottage Pros – Dan Hook asked about the price, Brady to follow up on it.

Boosters pay for the install and removal of the Day Dock. Brady asks about bringing in some sand for the public beach. There was quite a large area that was washed away.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Sheriff Patrol Agreement: Need to amend #6 on page 2 to include decrease time. President Smith to discuss the addition to the agreement with the Sheriff Secretary.
- 2) Lucky Dog Lease Request: This matter should be turned over to legal counsel (Karrie Zeits) to work with the property owner and their legal counsel.
- 3) Affirmation of Declaration of Emergency – Ordinance 2021-002: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to adopt Ordinance 2021-002 Affirmation of Declaration of Emergency by Village of Beulah president and Emergency Management Coordinator as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
- 4) Trailer Park Refund – F. Thompson: Motion by Browning, seconded by VanDePerre, to withhold the refunding of Frieda Thompsons security deposit for the Trailer Park until confirmation that the lot has been re-rented and withhold 30% of that deposit per the Trailer Park rules. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

7:53 p.m. Public Input

Vicki Carpenter, Beulah, Barb Skurdall will not offer children's tennis lessons this year due to COVID; CLCBA and Boosters, Brady will drop off nets for tennis and pickleball courts. CLCBA are planning Music in the Park – did not get the grant from Consumers Energy; 4th of July route to include more streets to enable social distancing; Art Fair applications are coming in; Street Sale in August is the same.

7:57 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: May 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference

Motion by Browning, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk