

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference.

Present: Trustees Downs, Hook, Pallin (arrived at 5:36) Smith and VanDePerre, Superintendent Bowers, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney, ZA Carland

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre to approve the agenda was approved as amended adding Attorney Karrie Zeits. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Abs: Pallin Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2020 regular meeting as corrected. 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 May 2020 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

5:46 p.m. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Correspondence:

Karrie Zeits, Legal Counsel, discussions held regarding the Exposure Prevention, Preparedness and Response Plan for the COVID-19; ad hoc committee appointed of Trustee VanDePerre, Trustee Hook and Trustee Pallin, with Trustee Downs as alternate – they will work with Attorney Zeits to finalize a plan for the Village Trailer Park and will continue with a plan for each of the public sites; these plans will close the bathrooms at this time. Trustee Downs is appointed at the Workplace Coordinator and Trustee VanDePerre will be the back-up. The dedicated point-of-entry for employees was decided to be: office staff will use the front door; DPW workers will use the garage entry, together with all council members. The Quarantine area will be the conference room.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve the Village of Beulah Exposure Prevention, Preparedness and Response Plan dated June 4, 2020 as amended, to include the Ad Hoc Committee members. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

The committee will meet in conference call with Attorney Zeits on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be posted and state that a possible quorum of village council could be in attendance.

Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, gave an update on happenings at the county – trying to navigate COVID with services being offered by appointment; plexiglass has been installed, PPE are being provided, social distances, the Government Center was opened to the public on June 8; Hazard Pay was denied but additional 80 hours of sick pay to assist with care for self and immediate family.

ZA Carland reported that with the Governor opening construction, it has accelerated things -- working with an individual wanting to do an addition to their cottage near the trailer park, they would like a variance toward the lake; he was alerted about work on Center Street & Elmwood of work being done without a permit, he is working with the contractor – they was to encroach on the water front with a deck; also house being torn down and will build new, talked with them about setbacks; he has also been working on the issue with Papano’s building and an individual wanting to open a marijuana facility; also property owner looking to convert to condominium type building.

Treasurer’s Report – Margaret Lumm

She reported that the quarterly transfers have been completed.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to accept the Treasurer’s report for May 2020 as presented. Roll call.

Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee VanDePerre: Water/Sewer – the cross-connection information has been placed on the website and will be included with the next quarterly water/sewer bills.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – he reported that the BS&A training will not be done on-site, but will use WebEx; Denny Ray (IT) will also be included as well.

Buildings/Grounds: research the Japanese Knotweed and spoke with the individual that provided the information last month; the fee is \$60.00.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to authorize \$60.00 to pay for removal of the Japanese Knotweed in Crystal Lake. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Pallin: Parks/Recreation: Tentative opening for the Trailer Park is June 12; 3 or 4 campers are there now however they are not staying there, just the trailer is there. Trustee Downs inquired regarding liability of the Village to their property; Village of Beulah does not accept responsibility for campers while on village property. RV Park Manager contract, one amendment – handle all recycle, remove from the contract and have the campers take care of it themselves.

Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre, to amend the Trailer Park Manager contract to have individuals (campers) be responsible for their own recycling.

Margaret Lumm, Treasurer, reported that there is a lock box where people put checks for trailer park payments; we received some last year, but were very outdated, she was able to collect on some of them. She asks that it be checked on the regular basis. We will be sure it is monitored on a regular basis.

Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

RV Park Phone: Trustee Pallin looked into the phone and it is for 911 emergency use; also inquired of the office phone; fax line; 3 sewer line phones. Spoke with AT&T and will go from \$250 per line to \$65 per line if we sign a contract; Spectrum would be \$40 per line, but the phone lines need to work when the power goes off; recommends signing a contract with AT&T. Gary will make the phone call to obtain the contract with Clerk to sign the contract.

Motion by Pallin, seconded by Hook, to change all phone lines from AT&T to AT&T and enter into contract for a substantial savings. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee VanDePerre: Sidewalks & Streets – reported that the new striping is completed; all streets have been swept; asked about obstructions (cones in the road, sweep piles of sand) and do we have something in place to stop.

President Smith stated that he is working with the attorney for a letter regarding two issues – 1) debris in the streets; and 2) requirement to hook up to Village water.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that he has spoken with an individual upset that the street signs are not being put up.

Superintendent Bowers: The sweeping is done, striping is done. Completed a couple of new water and sewer taps. Been working on little projects, with things being open up, they will get more done.

Old Business: None

New Business:

L-4029: Motion by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, to adopt the L-4029 and set the tax rate at the maximum amount of 8.2923 mills for 2020. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Jane Gary: President Smith indicated that her rate is \$25.00 per hour for her gardening services and we have been paying \$15.00 per hour; he has authorized an increase in her hourly rate for that service.

Election 2020: Clerk Olney reported to the council of the open positions – 3 full term and 1 partial term; President, Clerk and Treasurer.

Sheriff Patrol: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve the Sheriff Patrol Contract with the understanding that there will be a reduction in hours due to the COVID-19 causing cancellation of public events. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

7:00 p.m. Public Input:

Rhonda Nye stated that the newsletters are really well done; appreciated what Dan Smith wrote regarding the census.

Jean _____ -- to Gary, Pam and Dan – we all know the village isn't liable for our trailers; also, we are all self-contained in our trailers.

Vicki Carpenter, 6932 Crystal Avenue, reported that the CLCBA met today regarding their summer events: 4th of July events has been cancelled; encourage people to decorate their homes, cars, boats, to keep the spirit of the 4th of July. Music in the Park have all been cancelled – the Accidentals are scheduled for the first Thursday in July of 2021. 52nd year of the Art Fair has been cancelled; Sidewalk Sale the 1st Saturday in August is still a possibility.

Paul Lemley, Trailer Park & Commerce Township resident, says thank you to the Village for what it has done at the Trailer Park; he echo's what Jean stated regarding all the campers are seasonable and self-contained, we are not concerned about the bathhouse.

7:24 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: July 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference

Motion by Downs, seconded by VanDePerre, to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Roll call. Ayes: Downs, Hook, Pallin, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk