

Village of Beulah  
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeri VanDePerre at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre  
Excused: Trustee Downs  
Staff Present: Superintendent Cypert, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney  
Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Jerry Crispell, Peggy Clarke, Barb Myers, Kirk Smith, Mary Szwed, ~~July~~ Julie Stone, Suzie Kuddes, Jeff & Barb Bowlby and Tom & Rose Waring

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

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

Minutes: Motion by Loll, seconded by Heniser, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 regular meeting as corrected. Ayes: Browning, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Downs Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Communication to Council:

Commissioner Nye provided her written report and reviewed her monthly report of meetings she has attended as County Commissioner. She also reported on the Headlee Reset Township meeting which was held; Board of Commissioners approved new signage for the county campus; renewal of the Smart911 contract; heard a presentation from Paul Oliver Hospital and heard presentations regarding options to spend the opioid funds.

ZA Cypher was excused -- September and October 2023 reports were received.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm reported that \$23,000 was received from EGLE and put in Sewer R&R; \$37,000 received from the logging of tree and put in Sewer R&R; October bond payments have been made; quarterly transfer has been completed; working on direct deposit for payroll; also working on getting some type of credit card system to receive payments; the automatic meter reader software is no longer supported and needs to be replaced before June 2024.

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

**Committee Reports:**

President VanDePerre reported that the Headlee Reset bond issue failed but we are still moving ahead and applying for grants to keep the cost as low as we can.

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – reported that three fencing quotes have been received; there was a water main break that got fixed quickly; the bids do not include a gate.

President VanDePerre reported that she acted as an emergency action and approved the go ahead to Crystal View Orchards and Kerby to move forward for fencing at the sewer ponds.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – thanked everyone for getting the budget information in; budget committee will meet and the budget hearing will be held prior to the December 12 meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – Spoils Bids: Three bids have been received; however, one is from January and one is difficult to read; Trustee Browning will ask that new bids be provided for next meeting; She is looking ahead to maintenance for this building – facia replacing, painting, insulation, etc. Planning Commission met today and reviewed the survey results, next step is to compile the data; spoke regarding audio/visual for this meeting room and she has checked on some prices; cameras are needed around the village.

Trustee Hook suggested that she look for grants and budget for 2024 ~~2025~~.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – reported that the Trailer Park is all shut down; trees have been trimmed; working on the permit for boat hoists and docks – following a DNR complaint – working on permit to continue what we have always done.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – read the snow removal statement regarding no parking Title VI Policy: Trustee Loll read the No Parking statement to those present and stated that overnight parking is allowed in the parking lot behind the village building; this notice will be sent out via Code Red; appreciate everyone following the ordinances; resident need to keep the sidewalks clear and not put the snow into the street; Snow stakes are the homeowners responsibility if you want them in your yard, it would be at your own expense; any damage caused by village plowing will be repaired in the spring; reminder letters were sent to the businesses on November 12, 2023.

Motion by Loll, seconded by Hook, to adopt the Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Downs Motion carried.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – Excused

Superintendent Cypert: Jeff indicated that the mower deck has been delivered; snow removal equipment is all set; old truck hasn't sold yet; trimmed trees on all roads; started clearing for fence today; snow bucket is being set to fit our truck

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Sewer Pond Fence Bids: President VanDePerre approved prior to meeting.

2. Camera Bids: Motion by Heniser, seconded by Smith, to accept the bids from EPS for Video Surveillance System and move forward in the amount of \$11,689 plus \$116.00 per month. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Downs Motion carried.

8:11 p.m. Public Input

Jeff Bowlby, 298 N Center, says thank you for the survey, but questions the logic of providing it to the people in the trailer park; there needs to be long-term planning of the trailer park.

Suzie Kuddes, 137 Benzie Blvd, voiced concerns about the sewage project; appreciates the communication, website, letter, thank you for your efforts.

8:15 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: Budget Meeting -- December 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Regular Meeting – December 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Browning, seconded by Heniser, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Downs Motion carried.

Dawn Olney  
Beulah Village Clerk