

Village of Beulah  
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 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: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Mitch Szwed, Craig and Paula Harris

Conflict of Interest by any council member: Trustee Hook stated that he will abstain from New Business item #5 Darcy Library appointment.

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

Minutes: Motion by Browning, seconded by Hook, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022 regular meeting as corrected on page 2. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills: Motion by Downs, seconded by Heniser, to approve payment of the bills for November 2022 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 gave an update on the county business: will be doing a study to see if a Parks Director would be feasible; new 911 Director – Cory Ellis; Register of Deeds has been advised to stop handing out forms – just direct the individuals where to go; County Treasurer lawsuit has been settled; Sanitary Code with the Benzie Leelanau Health Dept was approved today; met with Senator Bumstead regarding funding for a communications tower in Frankfort.

ZA Carland stated that he issued no permits last month; been fielding calls regarding Short Term Rentals – directed people to the website; Leonard Court issue; will continue as Zoning Administrator until a new individual is in place; working on forms as fillable pdf for our website, together with a checklist for individuals to be placed on the website as well.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to accept the Treasurer's report for November 2022 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Water/Sewer will be discussed later.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – no report.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – Planning Commission met yesterday; Keith Behm is Chair and Barb Skurdall is Secretary; they will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 4 p.m. at Cold Creek Inn. Annie to ask AJs if there is any permitting that needs to be done for the spoils to be removed from the settling basin.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – fishing dock is out; will need to replace the outside door of the RV Community building.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to rescind the November 10, 2022 motion: To consider a 4% or 10% - \$200.00 increase for 2023, and discontinue the cable as of December 2022. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to approve the RV Rules for 2023 as proposed, to include a 10% fee increase as proposed by 2021 council and keep cable in tact for 2023, including page 1 and page 2 amendments. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported that she and Jeri have been diligent about the parking violations on the street; 40 warnings were issued and 3 vehicles were towed. Snow removal policy letter has been updated and given to all businesses. Have been in contact with property owner Mr. Clare, where Crystal Drive was reconfigured – issues with people driving on his property and not the roadway; DeAnne contacted MDOT in Traverse City and they have posted signs; the street sign has been moved, and the street light will need to be moved.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – Mower Quote: Quote received from Gillison’s for a Bush Hog Tractor with attachments; set over to January 2023 for consideration.

Superintendent Cypert spoke regarding tree cutting/logging at the sewer ponds; quote received from Will Zoscsak Logging & Trucking.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Downs, to enter into contract with Will Zoscsak Logging to log at the wastewater treatment area thru the dry season of 2023. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Superintendent Cypert: Has one possible municipality that may be interested in purchasing the old truck when the new one is ready; spoke about Wells 3 and 4 work that is necessary.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to approve the Peerless quote for Well No 3 Pump Overhaul and Well Cleaning in the amount of \$33,604.11 and Well No. 4 VFD Replacement in the amount of \$15,338.17 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. 2023 Regular Board meeting Dates: Motion by Heniser, seconded by Loll, to approve the 2023 Meeting Dates as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
2. Ordinance – Appointment of Clerk & Treasurer: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to approve Ordinance No. 2 of 2022 To Provide for The Appointment of The Village Clerk and Village Treasurer as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
3. 2022 Budget Amendments: Motion by Hook, seconded by Heniser, to approve the amended Budget Amendments for 2022. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
4. Resolution regarding New Water and Sewer Rates: Trustee Hook reported that the sewer rates are increased by 10% and the water rates by 3%; new hook ups are \$3,500. Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to approve Resolution 2022-007 Establishing Current Water & Sewer Rates and Charges effective January 1, 2023 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
5. Darcy Library Appointment: Trustee Hook will be resigning from the Library Board and would recommend the appointment of Dan Schoonmaker as the Village representative. Motion by Hook, seconded by Loll, to appoint Dan Schoonmaker as the Beulah Village representative to the Darcy Library Board. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

8:37 p.m. Public Input

Paula Harris, N Center Street, asked who does the shoveling at businesses that are empty to keep them clear?  
Vicki Carpenter, 6923 Crystal Ave, reported that Christmas Magic this past Saturday and it was a wonderful event. Fun for all.

Mitch Szwed, 6625 Crystal Ave, stated that his wife is involved in Toys for Tots if anyone is interested in helping out; looking forward to the Planning Commission's work.

8:41 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Loll, seconded by Heniser, to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney  
Beulah Village Clerk