

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by President Pro Tem Dan Hook at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Downs, Hook and Smith

Excused: President VanDePerre, Trustees Heniser and Smith

Staff Present: Superintendent Cypert, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney

Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Brad Raymond, Mary Szwed, Barry Hah, Mike Ross, Marsha Behm, Peggy Clarke, Keira Duvernoy and Carol Servin.

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

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

Minutes: Motion by Downs, seconded by Loll, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook and Loll Nays: None Exc: Heniser, Smith and VanDePerre Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items –

Barry Hahn spoke regarding the Event Policy and stated that with the whole political system in this State, we forget how to get along; he believes in face-to-face discussions.

Vicki Carpenter also stated that she read through the policy and applications and have submitted comments and concerns to the council.

Communication to Council:

Commissioner Nye reported that she has attended two Board of Commissioner meetings since last here: Have attended meetings for Benzonia Township, Centra Wellness Board, Northern Michigan Counties; Benzie Leelanau Health Dept, Village of Benzonia, Centra Wellness Executive Board, Land Bank Authority, Benzie County Central School Board; today at the Commissioners' meeting, they approved the 2023 Apportionment report, Contracted with Cherry Capital for fiber, EMS Roster change, \$75,000 motion to connect ACO to the Village of Beulah water/sewer was rescinded, and \$52,000 bid was awarded, Paving the Betsie Valley Trail from the Trailhead to Case Road, Headlee reset meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board room, Presentation from Northwest Food coalition.

ZA Cypher reported: Absent – no report.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm reported that the Sewer R&R and Operations have been corrected; \$63,000 water bond has been paid October 1; \$14,000 NPS Grant was received; \$8,000 Act 51 funds were

received and will be split by Major and Local Streets; \$36,000 received for trees that were cut; summer tax collection is completed; w/s bills went out today with Planning Commission survey.

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – absent, no report

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – reported that 2024 budget work sheets have been handed out and are due back November 1; Headlee Override vote – letter will go out to the w/s customers – informational only.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – reported that the next Planning Commission meeting is Oct 17 @ 4:00 p.m. here; Master Plan survey went out today with the water bills; Gillison's have stated that they do not have the manpower to bid on spoils removal; ~~regarding Title VI Policy, she believes we need video and/or sound system and she will do the research on this;~~ she also spoke about a Solar Power Ordinance.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – excused, so Pro Tem Hook read the letter from EGLE regarding the complaint regarding riprap and abandoned mooring structures placed on the bottomlands of Crystal Lake; the Village will apply for a permit from EGLE for the docks and trailer park.

Motion by Browning, seconded by Loll, to cancel the contract with Mi-Pest for all services to the Village of Belah. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Hook and Loll Nays: None Exc: Heniser, Smith and VanDePerre Motion carried.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported that the Street Light at US 31 and Crystal Drive has been moved; she spoke regarding the title VI Non-Discrimination Plan. Trustee Loll will work with the Clerk in getting the policy ready for final approval in November.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that they are getting the lawn mower ready; Danger Hill will be asphalted before snow flies.

Superintendent Cypert: Jeff indicated that he is getting fence quotes for the sewer ponds; had two security companies come to look at this building and the RV park and bathrooms – no quotes yet.

Old Business:

1. Road Commission contract: Motion by Loll, seconded by Browning, to approve the Street Maintenance contract with the Benzie County Road Commission for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2028, authorizing the President Pro Tem to sign. Roll call. Browning, Downs, Hook and Loll Nays: None Exc: Heniser, smith and VanDePerre Motion carried.
2. Planning Commission Appointment Correction: Motion by Browning, seconded by Loll, to correct the Planning Commission members reappointment of Barb Skurdall and Ed Popour for 3 years, expiring October 2026. Roll call. Browning, Downs, Hook and Loll Nays: None Exc: Heniser, smith and VanDePerre Motion carried.

New Business:

1. EGLE Grant application: Motion by Loll, seconded by Downs, to approve the EGLE Substantial Public Health Risk Project Grant Agreement (ARP Funded) between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and the Village of Beulah in the amount of \$2 million, as presented. Roll call. Browning, Downs, Hook and Loll Nays: None Exc: Heniser, Smith and VanDePerre Motion carried.
2. Event Policy: Still work to be done on this policy – no action tonight. Pro Tem Hook asks those that have concerns should put them in writing and why, together with proposed wording. Send the emails to the Clerk by October 24 to get them on to our counsel. We will ask counsel Zeits to attend the November 14, 2023 meeting as well.

8:20 p.m. Public Input

Mike Ross, Benzonia Twp, as concerns about the policy.

Vicki Carpenter reported on the Fall Fest last Saturday – it was too cold, so some events were cancelled; the soup contact moved to the Hungry Tummy with 18 soups; Haunted Library proceeded; Car Show proceeded, and the cookie sale was sold out by 1:00 p.m.

Peggy Clarke, 10 S Center St, spoke regarding the possible condensing of the docks.

8:21 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk