

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 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, Smith and VanDePerre

Staff Present: Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney

Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Mary Szwed, Kirk Smith, John D. Mead, Jerry Crispell, Barb Myers, Vicki Carpenter

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

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

Minutes: Motion by Browning, seconded by Heniser, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Smith, to approve payment of the bills for February 2024 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Communication to Council:

Commissioner Nye reported the County Commission met this morning and talked about the millages – Sheriff spoke regarding the Jail needing an increase and Benzie Senior Resources spoke regarding the need for a small increase; she will be seeking re-election to her seat on the County Commission; she sent letters regarding the sewer funds to the state and federal representing Benzie County and requested \$8 million.

ZA Cypher – absent

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

Motion by Loll, seconded by Downs, to accept the Treasurer's report for February 2024 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – had no report; President VanDePerre reported that the cross-connection report was sent; sewer project is moving along; fence is going up.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – no report

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds spoke about comprehensive IT; Hall updates – will make a catalog of what needs to be updated; Planning Commission last meeting was February 20, 2024 and the next one is March 19, 2024 @ 4 p.m.; Crystal Lake Watershed Overlay District meetings; Master Plan is in a final draft form.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – reported that the cameras are in the RV Park now; \$70.00 a month for Spectrum Internet; request to reserve the Pavilion for a wedding – cannot reserve it, they can use on a first come first served basis, just no reservations; Dock letters and applications have gone out, will hold checks pending receipt of permit; there has been no more movement on the EGLE permit; still in the interview process with the Park Manager; revisions to 2024 RV Park Rules: people want pets; page 7 payment in full; check in/check out times.

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

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – no report

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that we will have the street sweeper in early May; lawn mowers are all set; building office for the Park Manager at the Park is being painted and updated.

Superintendent Cypert: Excused

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. METRO Act right of Way Permit Extension: Motion by Smith, seconded by Heniser, to approve the METRO Act Right of Way Permit Extension with AT&T through June 30, 2028 as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
2. Resolution 2024-002 Natural Hazardous Mitigation Plan: Motion by Browning, seconded by Downs, to approve Resolution 2024-002 Natural Hazardous Mitigation Plan as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
3. Change Order #1 – Beulah Beach Remediation NPS Grant: Motion by Hook, seconded by Downs, to authorize Contract Change Order Number 1 of the Beulah Beach Remediation and Stormwater Reduction NPS Grant between Gosling Czubak Sciences Inc and the Village of Beulah as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
4. Clean-Up Day Agreement: Motion by Downs, seconded by Heniser, to authorize June 8, 2024 as the Village of Beulah Clean Up Day and approve contract with Republic Services for containers for that date as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

5. ResNexus Fee Approval: Motion by Loll, seconded by Browning, to authorize payment to ResNexus for RV Park reservations program as presented in the amount of \$936.00. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
6. Revize Website Sales Agreement: Motion by Smith, seconded by Heniser, to approve Revize Website Services Sales Agreement as presented, for design and implementation of a new village website, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.
7. Sheriff Patrol Agreement for 2024: Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to approve the Sheriff Road Patrol Agreement for 2024, to include rental of the Radar Speed Trailer as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Brauer Productions – Dogman3 Movie Shoot: Motion by Downs, seconded by Smith, to authorize Brauer Productions Inc to film a short scene for the new Dogman3 movie at Trapp Park on Clark Street on April 14, 2024. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

8:10 p.m. Public Input

John Mead, introduced himself as Probate Judge for the past 12 years and is seeking re-election in November 2024. He is a life-long resident of Benzie County; oversees 3 courts: Probate Court, District Court and 90% of the Family Division of the Circuit Court.

Dawn Olney, 7200 Highland Drive, spoke regarding the Boat Dock Rules and fees that were adopted last month; she had inquired regarding the increase and was told it was 10%; the fees in fact are being increased by 15% over last year's fees; dock fees have increased 66% from 2018-2024 and she feels it is a bit much; we have been told that fees are increased to cover the cost of the service – nothing is done down at the slips other than mowing.

8:15 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: April 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Browning, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk