

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Thursday, November 10, 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
Excused: Trustee Smith
Staff Present: Superintendent Cypert, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney
Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Keith and Marcia Behm, Barb Myers, Jerry Crispell, Robert L French, Don and Carol Cervin

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 and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Loll, seconded by Heniser, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Downs, seconded by Loll, to approve payment of the bills for October 2022 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Communication to Council:

Commissioner Nye reported on the following for the county board: Benzie Leelanau Health Department; Sheriff Rosa reported that the School Resource Officer coming under the County is a good benefit; jail is in compliance; hired a new 911 Director; HR Director position is open at the county; Broadband.

ZA Carland reported that he has issued 1 permit; dealing with a Leonard Court matter; would like to be done doing zoning for the village, has concerns with his phone number being on the website, cannot give it the full effort that is needed; there is someone in Leelanau County that handles zoning for several municipalities – maybe talk with the attorney regarding the sharing of this position with other municipalities.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm

Margaret reported that she has applied to the State of Michigan for low-income assistance for help with rent and home mortgage support.

Resolution 2022-006: Motion by Hook, seconded by Heniser, to adopt Resolution 2022-006 Returned Check Fee resolution as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

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

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – Excused; President VanDePerre reported that Michigan Rural Water is working with the Village to fix the violations regarding sewer system; we will be doing a lot of work at the sewer ponds.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – reported that we have a DRAFT budget for 2023; the budget committee will meet Wednesday, November 17 16 at 7:00 p.m. via phone.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – reported that she has met with Dan Hook together to gather additional information regarding Buildings/Grounds; worked on the budget for Buildings/Grounds; removal of the spoils; Planning Commission action item; met with Keith Behm last week regarding the Planning Commission.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – reported that the weeds near the boat ramp have been removed; he fixed the siding on the RV Park shower; Day Dock has been removed; T-dock is still being used; RV Park Rule revisions for 2023 are presented; survey sent to the current lot renters regarding the cable service – 7 of 19 responded; recommend to cut the cable now.

~~Motion by Heniser seconded by Downs, 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 Exc: Smith Motion carried. Rescinded 12/13/2022~~

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported that three new pedestrian crosswalk signs have been purchased; guard rails on Center Street are all great, but Lake Street at the end needs to be fixed. President VanDePerre updated those present on the No Parking.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported that the little red truck is back from maintenance; tennis and pickle ball nets will be coming down.

Superintendent Cypert: Jeff indicated that the sewer project off Prospect is done; Well 4 went down – Dixon will do inspection; EGLE meeting on Monday; Zoscsak zones; 6" limit on growing around the ponds; Peerless will pull one of our sewer pumps to rebuilding this winter to be ready by Spring; held interview and have hired Brody Long from Bear Lake – start Monday of Thanksgiving week.

Old Business:

1. P/C Appointment: Motion by Browning, seconded by Heniser, to appoint Edward Popour to the Planning Commission for a 1-year term, November 2022 to November 2023. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
2. P/C Terms of Office: Motion by Browning, seconded by Loll, to accept the Planning Commission rotation as follows: Keith Behm, 3 years; Debbie Smith, 2 years; Barb Skurdall, 1 year and Ed Popour 1 year. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.
3. Short Term Rental Amendment: Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to approve the amendments to 2021-003 Short Term Rental Ordinance as presented, effective January 1, 2023. Roll

call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

New Business:

Michigan CAT Quote and Contract: Motion by Heniser, seconded by Loll, to accept the Quote and Contract from Michigan CAT as long as the \$1,000 is a one-time fee. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Smith Motion carried.

8:36 p.m. Public Input

Marcia Behm spoke regarding the changing of the ordinance regarding yard waste – you didn't give the residents enough time to adjust to the change; perhaps send out a text or emails next time.

Vicki Carpenter stated that the CLCBA light show starts Friday of Thanksgiving weekend through New Years Eve; they will be asking the businesses about Christmas Trees; Christmas Magic will go well; Newsletter will be coming out soon.

8:41 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: Budget Meeting -- December 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Regular Meeting -- December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk