

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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March 18, 2025

APPROVED

Members Present: Supervisor - Cory Nelson, Clerk - Jennifer Badgero, Treasurer – Vivian Miller, Trustee – Ryan Schultz, Trustee - Danielle Hummel

Members Absent: None

A regular meeting of the Brooks Township Board was held on the above date at the Brooks Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Cory Nelson. Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA:

Supervisor Cory Nelson asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business Item #6 – Appointment of Julie Vitale to the ZBA. **Unanimously Approved**

MINUTES

Moved by Danielle Hummel, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2025, as written. **Unanimously Approved**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Moved by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel, to pay the bills as presented. **Unanimously Approved**

TREASURER’S REPORT: (attached)

Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report for December - GF 101 – Beginning Balance-\$1,587,994.81 Receipts – \$148,898.15 Disbursement \$51,427.58- Ending Balance – \$1,685,465.38

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Ryan Schultz reported that the Planning Commission swore in new members and listened a presentation/request for approval of a nature based rustic campground setting.

Fire Board Report – No meeting held

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Coolbough Management Commission – No meeting until May.

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority – Cory Nelson reported that the current manager is now working part time and the budget was passed for 25/26.

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority – Jennifer Badgero reported that new lease agreements were approved and contracts were authorized for softball and soccer. Work continues on the disc golf course.

County Commissioner – Lori Tubergen Clark addressed the following highlights:

- She is the new commissioner for District 5, covering Brooks, Garfield and the City of Newaygo. She is in the learning stage of her new position.
- She commended Nick Smith, former County Parks Commissioner for his accomplishments and noted that interviews are in the process for his replacement.
- Expenditures were approved for MSU Extension which provides many services to the community,
- She noted that the Commission on Aging was doing a great job at expanding transportation services and are looking into a hub with service to another nearby county. She also noted that COA delivers 413 meals per day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Budget Amendments – **Moved** by Jennifer Badgero, **seconded** by Cory Nelson to increase line item 209715 FICA to \$2000.00 and 209715.1 Medicare to \$400.00; increase line item 411702.1 to \$50,000.00; and line item 901974 to \$60.000. **Unanimously Approved**
- 2) Resolution 2025-391 Annual Resolution - Moved by Cory Nelson, seconded by Vivian Miller to accept the the resolution with salary and wages remaining at the 2024 level. **Unanimously Approved**
- 3) Resolution 2025-392 Fee Schedule – Moved by Jennifer Badgero, seconded by Vivian Miller to approve the resolution with a change in the online permits due to associated fees. **Unanimously Approved**
- 4) Resolution 2025-393 General Appropriations – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to accept the resolution which reflects section five at \$73,8525.00.
- 5) Resolution 2025-394 Budget – The meeting was adjourned and Public Hearing for the Budget was opened 7:25 PM. The budget was presented with no public comment. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:30. **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to accept the budget as presented. **Unanimously approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rich Houttaman, a representative of Consumers Power provided information for the status of Croton/Hardy dams. He noted that Consumers Power is willing to keep the dams going, however, while operating costs are covered, capital expenses are not. Due to MPSE (Michigan Public Service Commission), regulations they cannot continue to operate without adequate revenue. He also noted that Consumers Power wants to make sure the spillway is adequate even if they no longer own the dams. Ultimately, he noted the MPSE will dictate the final outcome.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero
Brooks Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma _____
Brooks Township Deputy Clerk

