

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

(231) 652-6763

June 17, 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 Danielle Hummel to approve the agenda as written. **Unanimously Approved**

PUBLIC HEARING – Fire Millage - **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to suspend the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for discussion of the Fire Millage. No public comments were received. **Moved** by Jennifer Badgero, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to close the Fire Millage Hearing. **Approved by Roll Call Vote – All Aye’s**

PUBLIC HEARING – PA425

Moved by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to open the hearing for PA425 involving the conditional transfer of property (located at 40 E 82nd St, and the adjacent road right-of-way) from the jurisdiction of Brooks Township to the City of Newaygo.

Public Comment: Questions were asked and responded to regarding green space, lighting, and driveway exits for the new business.

Moved by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Ryan Schultz to close the hearing and return to the regular meeting. **Approved by Roll Call Vote – All Aye’s**

MINUTES

Moved by Vivian Miller, **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of of May 20, 2025 as written. **Unanimously Approved**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Moved by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel, to pay the bills with the addition of revised equalization. \$7,026.78 was added. **Unanimously Approved**

TREASURER’S REPORT:

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report for December - GF 101 – Beginning Balance-\$1,745,502.73
Receipts – \$16,266.15 Disbursement \$35,763.10 Ending Balance \$1,726,005.78**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Cory Nelson reported that the PC decided the recent “retreat” request is already covered by existing ordinance language and the current process needs to be followed.

Fire Board Report – Danielle Hummel reported that the board set the schedule for the next fiscal year. The capital plan was approved and 20 new fire fighting outfits were approved. Nick Ruehmeier was selected as the new chairman, with Danielle as the vice-chairman. She also noted that calls are up from last year.

Coolbough Management Commission – No meeting held

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority – No meeting held

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority – No Meeting held

County Commissioner – Commissioner Lori Tubergen Clark addressed the following highlights:

- The county nursery is being closed due to lack of funding
- The jail bond was paid off on 6/1/25
- Federal funding for marine patrol has been eliminated. A grant of \$16,000.00 was applied for however, this doesn’t come close to the need.
- Veterans funding has been cut

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Ben Gilpin/Chief Andres – SRO – Chief Andres provided an update on the school contract which is up for renewal. She noted nothing has really changed in the program, however, previous issues have greatly decreased. Things are going very well and she will get the final draft to Jennifer. **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to accept and support the school contract. **Unanimously Approved**
- 2) Resolution 2025-396 Fire Millage 2025-396 – **Moved** by Jennifer Badgero, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to approve the Fire Services Special Assessment of \$398,073.57 (1.87474mills). **Unanimously Approved**
- 3) Resolution 2025-397 - Approval of PA 425 Agreement - **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero to approve the Resolution to approve and authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign a conditional transfer of property agreement between the City of Newaygo and Brooks Township for property at 40 E. 82nd St. Newaygo MI and adjacent road right-of-way. **Unanimously Approved**
Resolution – Pettit Lake (draft) – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to pass a resolution regarding contact by officials and members of the Ottawa Pointe Condominium Association with Brooks Township regarding various matters. **Approved per Roll Call Vote - Ayes - Badgero, Nelson, Schultz; Nays - Hummel, Miller**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero
Brooks Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma _____
Brooks Township Deputy Clerk

