

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

(231) 652-6763

August 19, 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**

**MINUTES**

**Moved** by Danielle Hummel, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 2025, as written. **Unanimously Approved**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report for December - GF 101 – Beginning Balance-\$1,783,211.57  
Receipts – \$26,878.29 Disbursement \$62,476.62 Ending Balance \$1,747,613.24**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission** – Ryan Schultz reported that Team Thompson shared a proposal to join two adjacent properties (Hess Lake Store and the renovated house next door) via a conditional rezoning permit in order to install a gas pump island with a 12,000 gallon above ground fuel tank, and a small addition to the back of the store. Also discussed were updates to temporary camping ordinances and a change to rear setbacks in the lake overlay district.

**Fire Board Report** – No meeting held

**Coolbough Management Commission** – Vivian Miller reported the proposal to change the Coolbough meetings to bi-annual. Final decision is tabled until the bi-laws are reviewed to make sure the change is allowable. Also discussed were bi-laws, replacement of timber on the bridge, and methods to discourage dirt bikes on the trails.

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority** – No meeting held

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority** – No meeting held

**County Commissioner** – Commissioner Brenda Bird addressed the following highlights:

- Budget meetings have been completed
- Underserved areas of library use was discussed
- She reminded the board that 211 is a service which provides help with food heat and utilities for those in need.
- COA money for transportation is being cut
- The Register of Deeds vault has been completed

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1) None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Ordinance – Consumers Energy Franchise – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero to accept Ordinance 2025-109 which grants the right and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines and related facilities and conduct business for a period of 30 years.
- 2) Parking lot paving – **Moved** by Cory Nelson. **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero to accept the estimate provided by Fenstermacher Asphalt Paving for re-vamping/resurfacing the township parking area. The owner of the back building will pay for their portion of the fee. **Approved by Nelson, Badgero, Schultz and Hummel. Miller abstained.**
- 3) Resolution 2025-400 – Investment Policy – **Moved** by Jennifer Badgero, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to approve Resolution 2025-400 – This policy only involves government entities and will provide better interest and ease the flow of business between other government entities. **Approved by Roll-Call Vote – Ayes:** Nelson, Badgero, Miller, Schultz, Hummel
- 4) **Discussion on Road Patrol** – Moved by Cory Nelson, seconded by Vivian Miller to open discussion on road patrol, considering the recent fatal accident on 88<sup>th</sup> Street. Cory noted that he has requested a speed study for the Hess Lake area several times with no response and all members shared their concern regarding excessive speeding in lake areas despite signage that has been placed in strategic areas around the lake.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero  
Brooks Township Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Dianna Schaafsma \_\_\_\_\_  
Brooks Township Deputy Clerk