

BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

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September 16, 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 Vivian Miller, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2025, with a correction to New Business, Item 1 to “2025-109”. **Unanimously Approved**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT:

**Received and Accepted Treasurer’s Report for December - GF 101 – Beginning Balance \$1,747,613.24
Receipts – \$104,870.18 Disbursement \$62,476.62 Ending Balance \$1,708,765.48**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Ryan Schultz reported that the sign ordinance and fence setbacks were discussed and intent was clarified by PC members. No changes were required.

Fire Board Report – Jennifer Badgero, reported there was discussion regarding duty shift sign-up for day shifts.

Coolbough Management Commission – No meeting was held

Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority – No meeting held

Newaygo Area Recreation Authority – Jennifer Badgero reported there was discussion of the following:

- Sprinkler replacement for the soccer fields and new diamond dust for the baseball fields
- Path clearing in a couple areas of the disc golf course and a new sign off Croton Road
- Potential revitalization of the swimming pond at Henning Park

County Commissioner – Commissioner Lori Tubergen-Clark addressed the following items:

- A transportation feasibility study is being conducted by COA as they cannot continue to operate at the current level. They are also looking at how other communities are meeting transportation needs.

- Asa Vermuelyn is the new park director
- Camping was down 7.5% in county parks, however, daily passes were up 80%
- An additional camping cabin is being added to Henning Park with the attempt of year-round rental
- Michigan Works will be shut down if the budget does not pass
- Newaygo had the lowest unemployment rate of the 6 surrounding counties
- A handout was provided which identified how revenue was collected and spent for Newaygo County

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Additional NCRA Contribution – baseball fields – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to discuss the cost of diamond dust for the baseball fields. The quoted expense is \$25,000.00 for diamond dust for the fields. Following discussion it was **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to donate \$5000.00 from the township to assist with the cost of the baseball field dust.

Unanimously Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Vivian Miller plans to bring her laptop to have it updated to allow her to work from home. She also noted that the township needs to look at changing the website to “.gov” vs “.org”. Jennifer will work on this. Danielle Hummel noted that the Fire Board is looking at purchasing a new truck for six hundred thousand dollars.

ADJOURNMENT: **Moved** by Danielle Hummel, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Jennifer Badgero
Brooks Township Clerk _____

Dianna Schaafsma _____
Brooks Township Deputy Clerk