

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

490 QUARTERLINE ROAD

NEWAYGO, Michigan 49337

(231) 652-6763

March 17,2026

**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. Pledge of Allegiance

**AGENDA:**

Supervisor Cory Nelson asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. **Moved** by Danielle Hummel **seconded** by Vivian Miller to approve the agenda as written.

**Unanimously Approved**

**BUDGET HEARING**

**Moved** by Vivian Miller, **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero to suspend the regular meeting and open the Budget Hearing – **Approved by Roll Call Vote** – **AYES:** Nelson, Badgero, Miller, Schultz, Hummel

**NAYS:** None

No comments were made. **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to resume the regular meeting .**Approved by Roll Call Vote** – **AYES:** Badgero, Miller, Nelson, Schultz, Hummel

**NAYS:** None

**MINUTES**

**Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Danielle Hummel to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of of February 17, 2026, as written. **Unanimously Approved**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

**Moved** 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 - \$1,598,242.49  
Receipts – \$211,125.25 Disbursement - \$42,787.49 Ending Balance - \$1,766,580.25**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Planning Commission** - Ryan Schultz reported that amendments were approved for the following:

- 1) Camping ordinance language to prevent rental situations
- 2) Lake District, non-conforming lots – Language to clarify road setbacks

He also noted that Tony Craft proposed a change to ordinances to allow lowering of square footage for homes in Brooks. Jerry Tuin will run this issue by Williams and Works.

**Fire Board Report** – Danielle Hummel noted the following issues:

- They are moving forward in the search for a new Fire Chief
- The budget was reviewed and the board agreed to increase Garfield Township’s portion to \$100,000.00, up from \$90,000.00.

**Coolbough Management Commission** – No Meeting held

**Chain of Lakes Sewer Authority** – The current manager is resigning mid-April. Two individuals have been identified to take over. His current wage will be split between the two for a part-time job share and divided duties, with no insurance benefits. It was noted that the Capital Plan is going very well

**Newaygo Area Recreation Authority** – Jennifer Badgero reported the following:

- The budget was passed
- Diamond dust is scheduled to be put down when the weather clears
- Savin Lake was approved for treatment of the pond
- Work continues for signage on the disc golf course

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

- A handout was provided for services and program statistics for Commission on Aging; updates from Michigan Works; reporting from the Medical Examiner’s Office (noting that the suicide rate had dramatically increased); and information on Economic Development Partnerships.
- Stated that there are 3 County milage renewals coming up in the May election.
- Noted the unemployment report revealed a decrease in unemployment from 5.7% last year to 5% this year.
- The Grant congregate meal site will be opening next month
- ARPA provided money for major upgrades to the animal shelter

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Board Reappointments (PC) – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Jennifer Badger to appoint Brian Bergers to the Planning Commission vacancy. Additionally, **moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero to reappoint Mark Pitzer and Karl Fredericksen to the Planning Commission Board.  
**Unanimously Approved**
- 2) Resolution 2026-402 – Annual Resolution – **Moved** by Vivian Miller, **seconded** by Ryan Schultz to approve the annual resolution as presented. **Unanimously Approved**
- 3) Resolution 2026-403 – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero to approve the resolution as presented. There were no changes to established fees. **Unanimously Approved**
- 4) Resolution 2026-204 Budget – Moved by Jennifer Badgero, seconded by Vivian Miller to approve the Proposed budget. **Approved by Roll Call Vote – AYES** – Jennifer Badgero, Cory Nelson, Ryan Schultz, Vivian Miller, Danielle Hummel  
**NAYS** – None
- 5) Resolution 2026- 205 - General Appropriations – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero, to accept the resolution as presented. **Unanimously Approved**
- 6) Ordinance Amendments – 2026-111,112 – **Motion** made by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero, to pass ordinance amendments. Copies of changes will be numbered once forwarded by the PC Secretary.  
**Unanimously Approved**
- 7) Budget Amendments – Increase township hall repair/maintenance by \$2000.00 – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to accept the budget amendments as presented. **Unanimously Approved**
- 8) Fireboard Budget – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Jennifer Badgero to approve the Fireboard Budget as presented. **Unanimously Approved**
- 9) NCRA Budget – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Ryan Schultz to approve the NCRA Budget as presented. **Unanimously Approved**

- 10) Lawncare/snow removal bids – **Moved** by Cory Nelson, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to accept the bid from GB Lawncare for servicing township property in the future. **Unanimously Approved**
- 11) Poverty Guidelines – partial exemption – Item moved to next monthly meeting for review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jaxon Deur announced his candidacy for 101 First District State Representative. Handouts were provided outlining his focus and issues he wishes to address.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Cory Nelson expressed concern over recent schoolboard actions and District Health Department issues.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Moved** by Ryan Schultz, **seconded** by Vivian Miller to adjourn at 8:14 PM

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

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