

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP

**APPROVED**

KALKASKA, MI 49646

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2016 10 AM

The Annual Meeting of the Electors of Bear Lake Township was called to order at 10 am by the Supervisor Bud Banker. All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome by the Supervisor. It was recorded that there were 12 electors present. The Supervisor explained the Annual meeting set by general townships and the purpose to read and approve last years minutes. They also have jurisdiction for establishing wages (cannot lower existing wage) if a resolution is in place. No resolution was established this year as the Board chooses not to adopt salary resolutions so this item is not on the agenda.

Approval of last years' minutes:

Motion by Bill Diekman to approve 2015 minutes of Annual meeting.

Support by Jim Knight. Motion carried.

The Supervisor previewed the last year reporting the electors passed a 1.2 mil for 7 years for a new fire pumper. It is actually built and being painted right now. The old tanker was sold for \$50,000 and the other older truck is for sale on Craigs list. The BLTIA donated the SMOKEY THE BEAR sign and volunteers erected it in front of the Fire Department. The FOIA policy was redone by the state of Michigan so many documents had to be revised which our township attorney was called in for. We had one rezoning approved. We lost our Sheriff, Abe DeVol in November. A great loss for everyone. Our new sheriff is Pat Whiteford who has been out to some of our meetings. We renewed our contract with the Sheriff Dept. Another township joined in with the community police agreement. We have a four year contract with the Frederic Township Ambulance. It is mandated by the state that townships have a bi-annual audit so we are having an audit this summer which we bid out at \$3,200. We also set aside \$3,000 for crack seal, seal coat, restriping of parking lots. A Thank you to Beth Redmond, Maintenance and Grounds keeper and those who help her for a great job. Also a thanks to Beth and Sharon Pincumbe for the good job done at painting the inside of the hall. Our snowplow man, Mike Price is doing an excellent job of snowplowing. Also thanks to our Fire Dept who does an excellent job with dedicated volunteers. He also thanked the Board of Directors (Township Board). They have had a lot of team work this year and he has enjoyed working with the Board. Another thanks to Sam Rahaim for his work with the website, all for only \$1 per year.

They finished the Board of Review for this year with 33 applicants. They have closed out everything. He thanked the Board of Review for a good job. They include Bob Dixon, Jim Knight, Sandy Ruppert, Alternate: Beth Redmond and Sherry Hoyt.

The Clerk gave a brief Election report thanking all her election workers. We had many special elections this year and they did a good job. They include Sherry Hoyt, Chairperson; Vernice Hall, Linda LaMothe, Nancee Monsees, Jo and Sam Rahaim, Sandy Perrin, Brenda Lacy, Shirley Havens and Natalie Majeski. There will be another training school before August. There will be the August primary election and the November General election. Thanks to all you electors for coming out to vote.

Input from the electors:

Beth Redmond would like to suggest looking into a possible longevity clause for the salaries of the Board -- An incentive for people with experience to want to stay on the Board. Sharon Pincumbe added in support that there is value for experience. Discussion. Any information obtained would be brought before the Board and the electors.

Motion by Shirley Havens to adjourn 10:31 am.

Support by Jim Knight. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by Carol Rosenberg, clerk