

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP

KALKASKA MI 49646

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING – APPROVED **correction

APRIL 11, 2017

BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Supervisor at 7 p.m.

PLEDGE said by all.

ROLL CALL: Present were Banker, Havens, Dixon, Knight, Hoyt (Dep. Clerk). Absent was Rosenberg (Clerk).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Assessor Report and County Commissioner Report were removed from the agenda for today's meeting as Mr. VanHorn and Mr. Fisher are not present. Supervisor noted that the Board of Review has responded to its reviews. Motion by Dixon to accept agenda with these deletions. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Supervisor added a notation to the 03/14/2017 minutes under Payment of Bills that these were for February 2017. Motion by Knight to approve minutes of 03/14/2017 meeting as noted. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS: Motion by Dixon to accept Treasurer's report. **Support by KNIGHT. Motion carried. Motion by Havens to accept bills. Support by Knight. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

SHERIFF: Deputy Brian Peacock presented a written report to the Board and gave a verbal report for the meeting. He indicated that snowmobile funding is decreasing, ORV funding is increasing, and marine funding is about the same. He further stated that the enactment of P.A. 288 will open seasonal roads, forest roads, and two-tracks to ORV traffic.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Mark Laskowski reported a trade-in offer of \$5000 for our current Polaris Ranger. He then stated we have received an offer of \$6000 for this unit "as is" (minus radio, headset, and Stokes basket) from Kalkaska Township, and he recommended we accept this offer. We will keep the trailer. Motion by Knight for the sale as described above. Support by Dixon. Roll call vote: Banker YES; Havens YES; Knight YES; and Dixon YES. Motion carried.

Regarding the new Polaris Ranger project, a \$6000 down payment to Extreme Power Sports is needed. An expenditure of \$20,000 was previously approved by the Board for this equipment. Funds will come out of the Fire Pumper Extra account. The Treasurer will have a Cashier's Check drawn from the bank for this purchase.

The brush truck is at Roger's Garage for repair, which will be pretty costly. Chief asked for approval to spend up to \$2000 out of the maintenance budget for this repair. Motion by Knight to authorize up to \$2000. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

HOSPITAL: Kim Babcock is present to represent the hospital and stated there are plans for increasing the number of doctors and surgeons. The hospital purchased Kalkaska Family Practice, at the request of the physicians in that practice. Ms. Babcock reported that 100% of the funds raised from the millage are used for capital improvements.

Supervisor Banker reported he attended the Hospital Board Meeting 03/28/2017. There are two new doctors. Eden Center received a Prestigious Governor Award and also got a rating of four out of five stars with US News & World Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Supervisor Banker asked to tentatively schedule a Policies & Procedures work session. Board members agreed on Wednesday, 04/26/2017, at 7 p.m. This will be firmed up with Rosenberg upon her return.

BOARD MEMBERS CONSIDERATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

SUPERVISOR: All information for the Newsletter is due to Havens by 05/08/2017. The Newsletter will be mailed out by 05/15/2017.

TREASURER: The Township is switching over from Pontum to BS&A software for taxes. We will purchase and download the software. The Treasurer and Assessor are registered for an orientation class for BS&A.

CLERK: Nothing new to report at this time.

TRUSTEES: Dixon has nothing new to report at this time. Knight received a road surface rating report from the Road Commission. In 2018, C.R. 612 will be redone between W. Bear Lake Road and Blue Lake Road. Frost laws are off; there will be increased logging traffic in the area. A total of 3028 acres are being logged in Bear Lake Township. Oak wilt is being reported; people are asked not to trim their oaks until September. State Rep. Daire Rendon has been invited to attend a township meeting. There has been no response from her office as yet.

Concerns from our seniors: Knight asked Deputy Peacock to check speed on logging trucks on West Bear Lake Road. Dixon asked Deputy Peacock what constitutes a property check. This was described. Also, who should be called to report harassment of loons on Bear Lake? Deputy Peacock said people should call Central Dispatch for RAP (Report All Poaching) and should report vehicle ID numbers if possible.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Knight to adjourn. Support by Knight. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Hoyt 04/12/2017.

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