

**BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP**

**KALKASKA, MI 49646**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**CORRECTED AND APPROVED**

**DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2017**

**BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:03 pm by the Supervisor.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Banker, Knight, Dixon, Rosenberg, Havens. All members present.

Eight public present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The Supervisor requested amending the Agenda to include discussions on 1) authorizing the use of ACH (Automated Clearing House) transactions to pay some of the Township's bills; 2) authorizing the use of credit cards by two of our officers; and 3) describing poverty exemption guidelines and asset test specifications regarding property taxes. Motion by Dixon to approve agenda as amended. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Havens to approve minutes of 11/14/2017. Support by Dixon. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Dixon to approve Treasurer's Report for November 2017. Support by Knight. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion by Dixon to approve payment of bills for December. Support by Knight. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS:**

**ASSESSOR:** The Supervisor reported that Board of Review met today at 10 am. They finalized the review of two parcels, approved the change summary, and reviewed the analysis for commercial and residential property values.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** No report. Kohn Fisher was unable to attend this meeting.

**SHERIFF:** Deputy Peacock provided written and verbal reports for the month of November, which was a pretty quiet month. Most issues had to do with damages to some of our gravel roads related to the logging industry. They are keeping an eye on this situation. Final language is coming soon on the deputy contract, which will be effective in January. There will be a \$ .30 per unit increase. Snowmobile patrol will begin soon. There were 52 hours of service in the township and 1771 miles driven in the four townships covered.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Deputy Chief Beth Redmond provided written and verbal reports for the month of November. There was preparation for and conducting of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Show, which was very successful. There was chimney fire review, continuing education on airway and ventilation, and air line and air tank review. Deputy Chief Redmond concluded by reminding everyone about Christmas tree safety.

**HOSPITAL:** The Supervisor attended the most recent hospital board meeting. There was an update on the Munson Healthcare Network. A new auditor was appointed. Resolutions were approved. There will be an upcoming joint care venture with the Crystal Lake Clinic. Staff appointments and reappointments occurred in a closed session.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS CONSIDERATIONS:**

**SUPERVISOR:** The Supervisor attended a class sponsored by MTA on Policy Matters. It was good material, specifically pertinent to small townships such as ours. The Supervisor met with Board of Review today. Details are in the Assessor section of these minutes. Bids are being received for a new phone system in the township office. The Supervisor's office hours are posted on the office door and will be posted on the website.

**TREASURER:** Tax bills are out. There have been some problems with the Post Office; many tax bills have been returned. The Treasurer reviewed her office hours for the rest of the year. These are also posted on the office door and will be posted on the website.

**CLERK:** The Clerk and Treasurer attended a class together. The Clerk explained that she is getting ready for a little time off, and that is why the Deputy Clerk is taking the minutes tonight. The accounting lady came to help with our accounting system. The Clerk reviewed her office hours for the rest of the year. These are also posted on the office door and will be posted on the website.

**TRUSTEES:** Dixon has nothing new at this time. Knight will continue to work with the DNR for the rest of the year. Knight said his vehicle sustained some damage due to the extremely bad road conditions on Blue Lake Road.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 11-A** regarding authorization to use ACH (Automated Clearing House) transactions to pay some of the Township's bills. Resolution language was presented for a vote. Motion by Havens to approve. Support by Knight. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 11-B** regarding authorization of credit card use for the township by Havens and Rosenberg. Resolution language was presented for a vote. Motion by Dixon to approve. Support by Knight. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 11-C** regarding poverty exemption guidelines and asset test specifications for property taxes. Resolution language was presented for a vote. Motion by Rosenberg to approve. Support by Havens. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 12** regarding medical marijuana facilities within the township. The Supervisor read Clearwater Township's resolution as an example. The State of Michigan statute

regarding medical marihuana becomes effective January 1, 2018. Discussion was opened to public input. Ultimately, this led to a vote. Motion by Havens to opt out. Support by Dixon. **Roll call vote: Yeas: Banker, Knight, Dixon, Rosenberg, Havens; No nays.** Motion carried. This means that Bear Lake Township will not approve any applications for marihuana related facilities or industries to operate within our township. Additionally, a public notice will be published in the Kaskaska Review, informing the public of Bear Lake Township's resolution to opt out. Motion for that announcement was made by Knight. Support by Dixon. **Roll call vote: Yeas: Rosenberg, Knight, Havens, Dixon, Banker; No nays.** Motion carried.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE** regarding Fireworks. Clearwater and Blue Lake Townships have added specific time frames to the existing state statute for the designated holidays when fireworks are allowed. If Bear Lake Township is to adopt such an ordinance, we will need to conduct two public hearings and consult with the attorney. Discussion occurred. No action was taken at this time.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Deputy Chief Redmond made a request to have an Amazon Smile ad placed on our website. The Amazon Smile program provides a cash-back type of benefit to non-profit entities (a percentage of purchase price), and the Bear Lake Firefighters Association is registered with the program. Anyone who purchases goods on Amazon can designate the Bear Lake Firefighters Association using the Amazon Smile program. This request was verbally approved by the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm by Knight. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and posted by Deputy Clerk Sherry Hoyt, 12/15/2017; Corrected and reposted by Deputy Clerk Sherry Hoyt, 1/12/2018