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BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP

KALKASKA, MI 49646

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2017

BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7 pm by the Township Clerk, Carol Rosenberg at 7 pm

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL: Present: Havens, Dixon, Knight and Rosenberg. Absent; Banker A quorum present. Nine public present

Rosenberg made a motion to appoint our Treasurer, Shirley Havens, as the Chairperson for this meeting. Support by Knight. Motion carried.

AGENDA CHANGES: Changes to the Agenda: No Assessor report and no Commissioner report.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion by Knight to approve minutes of 1-10-17. Support by Dixon. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT and

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Dixon to approve the Treasurers' report and the payment of bills. Support by Knight. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

SHERIFF: Deputy Peacock reported that January was a quiet month. He submitted both written and verbal reports. He spent 46 hours in township and drove 1503 miles in all four townships.

Sheriff Pat Whiteford reported that the Dept. has gone to 800 mhz radios. Eventually all EMS will get radios. The Clerk asked if our new contract started in January, 2017. Even though the township year starts in April, our contract with the Sheriff started in January. She told him that they are still billing our township at the old rate. He said he would look into that.

FIRE DEPT: Asst. Chief Redmond reported 6 med runs and 5 fire runs. Activity of January included tanker training, January twp meeting, CPR/AED with Donna Brown, Wash trucks and business meeting and 02 & Stair Chair refresher training. She also reminded people that during traffic control at accident sites, people should have their headlights on. Newer cars have "auto" on the lights to automatically turn on when its dark but they are NOT on during the day. She also reported that one of our firefighters is in need of help, Jesse Houchin, has a brain tumor and is having his second surgery coming

up. Bears Lair is having a hot dog fundraiser this Saturday from 10:30 am to 2 pm. Your support would be appreciated.

HOSPITAL REPORT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS CONSIDERATIONS:

SUPERVISOR: None

TREASURER: Reported that today was the last day to pay winter taxes. She will be in the office February 28th from 9 am to 5 pm which is the last day before taxes are turned over to county treasurer.

CLERK: Reported that we are having an election on MAY 2, 2017 for approval for a new Hospital Bond. The current one is expiring. She said she called them to ask them why they didn't put that issue on the November ballot. A lot of time, money and effort goes into each election. She attended the Kalkaska School Coordination committee which she is a member of. She and the Treasurer attended a Better Budgeting class put on by MTA in Gaylord last week. It was very informative. In fact she learned that as Clerk and one who tracks the budget, she is authorized to amend line items within a cost center. She cannot amend the cost center amount but can move amounts within it.

She reported to the Board that under the TWP HALL & GROUNDS, OFFICE SUPPLIES, she increased that amount by \$400 for a total of \$1,900.00 and increased OPERATING SUPPLIES by \$400 for a total of \$2,000.00 and decreased INSURANCE by \$800 for a total of \$11,700.00. All Board members agreed with the amendment within that cost center.

TRUSTEES: Bob Dixon reported that they attended a class for new trustees put on by MTA in Gaylord which covered policies and procedures. He has talked to some property owners about some blight situations and he has offered to help the Supervisor out with the blight complaints.

Jim Knight reported a meeting he had with Dave Lemmien Unit Manager for the DNR Traverse City area who has provided Jim with detailed maps and information on Timbering operations in our Township. This information will be on file at the Township Hall. Also, the letter regarding this is attached below. There are 24 active cuts in our township. Jim has put together a list of questions regarding the effects of these cuttings. Much discussion about this issue. He urges everyone to go the Open House put on by the Forestry Dept. in the Spring/Summer to have input on locations being cut.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: Asst. Fire Chief Beth Redmond invited the Board to attend the Pipeline lunch or dinner in Grayling on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 11:30 am or 5:30 pm. She also asked if it was okay to use the township sign to post the Fundraiser information for Jesse. No objections.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Knight to adjourn, 7:45 pm Support by Havens.
Motion carried.**

Prepared by Clerk on 2-16-17 and posted to website.

February 13, 2017

Earlier this month, I met with Dave Lemmien Unit Manager, for the DNR Traverse City area. He has provided detailed maps, and information, on Timbering Operations in our Township. This information will be on file at the Township Hall.

As Timbering Operations become more visable, there has been concerns from the Bear Lake Township property owners.

This summer, the DNR will have an Open House. The future Forest Management Plans will be on display. This will show where future Timbering Operations will take place. The Public is encouraged to ask questions, comments, or input regarding future Timbering, in our area.

If you have concerns on the Timbering Operations in our Township, this is the meeting you will want to attend. As of now, the date has not been set. When the date, time, and place is annouced, it will be posted here on the Website.

Dave Lemmien can be reached at 231-922-6040. I can be reached at 989-513-0138 for any questions you may have.

Jim Knight

Trustee