

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP

KALKASKA, MI 49646

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2018

BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:01 pm by the Supervisor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Banker, Havens, Dixon, Knight present. Rosenberg absent.

Deputy Clerk Hoyt present to take minutes. Six public present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The Supervisor noted that there will be no Assessor Report, no County Commissioner Report, and no Hospital Report in this meeting. The Supervisor reported on the December hospital board meeting last month, and the January hospital board meeting will be held later this month. Motion by Havens to adopt the agenda minus the reports as noted. Support by Dixon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The Supervisor noted that a correction is needed under New Business, Proposed Resolution 12 in the December 2017 minutes as the names of each board member and how they voted must be all listed out when there is a roll call vote. Apology by Hoyt for this error. Motion by Knight to approve the Minutes of 12/12/2017 with the correction as noted. Support by Knight. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Banker to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Support by Knight. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: The Supervisor noted that a correction is needed, in that MTA was paid by credit card and then paid again by check. To correct this, \$356 needs to be removed from the total of this report. Apology by Hoyt for this error. Motion by Dixon to approve payment of the bills with the correction as noted. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

SHERIFF: Deputy Peacock reported a busy December, with several vehicle crashes due to the weather. Snowmobile trail duty is ongoing, primarily on weekends. Deputy Peacock will be on vacation January 13-20. There were 58 hours of service in the township and 1933 miles in the four townships covered.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Laskowski reviewed the December 2017 activities. He reminded everyone to check the batteries in their smoke detectors and to check the operation of the detectors by pushing the test button. Chief Laskowski also stated that the annual yard sale and craft show events are

not currently being scheduled for 2018, as there is not enough participation by the Fire Department Association. Too much of the planning and organization for these events is falling to the Fire Department personnel, who are already very busy with their various duties.

TOWNSHIP BOARD UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Supervisor spoke about the Township's phone system, stating there was a problem with losing calls. All the messages are recorded on one phone, and that person ends up writing out messages for everyone in the office. A \$3000 bid was received to purchase a new phone system that would meet our needs, but this is felt to be too costly. This matter will not be considered again, unless a new product or service becomes available that is more affordable, or unless replacement of our current system becomes a necessity.

BOARD MEMBERS CONSIDERATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

SUPERVISOR: BOR classes are scheduled. We are getting bids for the audit this summer.

TREASURER: Requesting Board approval for collection of the 2018 Summer Taxes for Crawford Ausable Schools, Kalkaska Public Schools, Traverse Bay ISD, Kirtland Community College, and COOR ISD. Motion by Banker to approve. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

CLERK: Rosenberg is on vacation. Hoyt asked everyone's indulgence as she learns the many duties of the Clerk.

TRUSTEES: Dixon stated he plans to get more involved with the logging issues when the action picks back up in the spring. The damage being done to some of our roads is a huge concern. Knight agrees there are some real problems.

NEW BUSINESS:

SHERIFF'S CONTRACT: The Supervisor reported that the monthly rate for our sheriff services is now \$1528.93, an increase of just over \$400 per month. Motion by Banker to approve this rate. Support by Havens. Roll call vote: Yeas: Havens, Dixon, Knight, Banker. No nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Ray Franz stood and introduced himself, stating he is running for State Senate in the 35th District, a post which will be vacated by Darwin Booher due to term limits. Mr. Franz verbally reviewed his extensive resume and hopes to receive our votes in the August primary election. He stated that he hopes to visit our township again before the election.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm by Knight. Support by Dixon. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and posted by Deputy Clerk Sherry Hoyt, 1/12/2018