

**BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP**

**APPROVED**

**KALKASKA, MI 49646**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**DATE: JUNE 14, 2016**

**BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Supervisor Banker**

**PLEDGE by all**

**ROLL CALL: Present: Banker, Havens, Allen, Majeski, Rosenberg**

**Absent: None Five members present. 34 public present.**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Motion by Majeski to adopt agenda. Support by Allen. Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Havens to approve previous minutes of 5-10-16. Support by Allen. Motion carried.

A note by Supervisor about minutes of 3-1-16. The Board approved the minutes and budget amendments at the meeting. The amendments were on a separate listing which they adopted correctly. The list is the official record. (included at end of minutes) The minutes reflected all but one figure of increasing communications in the general fund for \$300.00.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Allen to approve Treasurer's report for May. Support by Majeski. Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion by Allen to approve payment of June bills. Support by Majeski. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Candidate introductions: Jordan Stancil running for State Representative, Democrat Party; Brad Heikkila running for Registrar of Deeds, Republican Party. He also promoted Megan Nothelfer running for County Clerk, Republican Party; Michael T. Edwards running for 46<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judge, Non Partisan.

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS:**

**ASSESSOR:** Michael VanHorn reported the change that will be taking place for the upcoming tax seasons. The Township Treasurers will now be printing the township tax bills for their township. He asked if you get your tax bill and it doesn't look right, let them know right away and please be patient. The upcoming Board of Review is July 19 at 5 pm.

**SHERIFF:** Deputy Sheriff Dave Wagner went over Deputy Peacocks written report. He will be here later. Question about the speeding on East Bear Lake Road and the “no parking” signs at public access. Discussion.

**FIRE DEPT:** Chief Laskowski reported 7 medical runs and 3 fire runs. For the month of May, they helped station 6 with their pancake fundraiser; attended May township meeting; fire education at Crawford Day Care; training from CSI on new tanker/pumper; train and stock new tanker/pumper; transition rescue vehicles and lay hose on new tanker/pumper. Thanks to everyone who participated in the success of this year’s community yard sale. Reminder of 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken BBQ on 9/14/16. He explained that they have been trying to sell the 2000 Ford Rescue Van E-350. He checked the blue book value which was \$5,800 to \$6,200. We purchased the new tanker/pumper from CSI who did some extra work for a balance of \$6,124.19. They offered to trade the balance owed them for the 2000 Rescue Van. He recommends that the Board consider accepting the offer from CSI. Motion by Banker to accept the trade offer (contract drawn up and ready to sign if accepted) from CSI in the amount of \$6,124.19 which would pay off balance due to CSI. Support by Allen. Roll Call: Yeas: Havens, Allen, Majeski, Banker and Rosenberg. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**HOSPITAL REPORT:** Joe Dupuie from Kalkaska Ambulance Service reported for the Hospital. They had a very successful Strawberry Social; Dr. Craven is our new ER physician. They have had two “sharps” days where people dispose of their sharps (needles) and two more days coming up on 9/6 and 9/13. There is a back clinic coming up on 6/23/16 at the Stonehouse at 5:30 pm. Both “green” houses are open and almost full.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

#### **TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS CONSIDERATIONS:**

**SUPERVISOR:** The clean up day was a big success with over 140 vehicles coming in. He thanked all the volunteers who participated. The Sheriff Dept had a work crew there. Bears Lair furnished coffee that day, and Shirley’s Café brought breakfast to the Sheriff’s crew. Thank you to all that day.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer Dept and Equalization Dept in the county have been having issues. She only found out last Tuesday that Equalization was not doing the tax bills anymore. She will be doing it. It is too late to change over to BS&A. Pontem will help us convert the data. She also asked residents to be patient. She is changing her office hours as of July 1<sup>st</sup>: Wednesdays 9 – 1 pm; Fridays, 8 – 11 am; the second Saturday of each month 9 am – noon.

**CLERK:** It is starting to get busy with upcoming election work; Consumers Energy sent a report showing that through a program called EnergyCheck, the township used \$366 less natural gas than last year and the fire dept used \$237 less natural gas than last year. The Clerk also commented on questions asked before last months` township meeting about budget amendments approved on March 1, 2016. The office supply and communication category was in question as to why we had to increase the budget. She summarized monthly communication bills and also listed some of the larger items purchased under office supplies including copy paper, tax forms and envelopes, security window envelopes, new checks for new bank, toner for computer printers, receipt books, etc. etc. She also mentioned that they did not spend their whole budget for those categories, and came in under budget for their total general fund budget.

**TRUSTEES:** Question asked at a previous meeting regarding Sheriffs` lake watercraft and whether or not they wash their watercraft coming in and out to every lake. Deputy Peacock was present and reported he checked on that and found out they inspect their watercraft but do not wash it. Discussion about having wash stations at lakes. Our deputy will be on duty in our township for four days over 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Discussions on curfew on lake; the busyness on Bear Lake; how to distribute time between boaters, fisherman and slalom skiers. Other discussion included how great the parking lot looks; thanks to Sam and Jo Rahaim and Knables for powerwashing the BB court. Our custodian is going to seal the court. Discussion about possible lake ordinance changes. Supervisor said they would need a significant amount of signatures to start that process; also discussion on firework ordinances and noise ordinances.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Allen to adjourn at 8:35 pm Support by Majeski. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by Carol Rosenberg, Clerk, 6/17/16

Sent to website 6/17/16

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP  
BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
3/1/16

GENERAL FUND:

EXPENSES:

ELECTIONS – Contract Service	+2,500	
ASSESSOR – Postage	+ 785	
ASSESSOR – Software Support	-555	
ASSESSOR – Prnt/Pub	-230	
TWP & GRNDS-Office Supply	+ 400	
Leases, clean up	+ 400	
Cust.Snowplow	-400	
Communications	+ 300	
Repair/Maint	-1,200	
Cap Outlay	-2,000	
	-4,385	+4,385

Presented at regular board meeting  
3/1/16  
Carol Rosenberg, Clerk