

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP APPROVED
KALKASKA, MI 49646
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DATE: May 9, 2017

BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Supervisor Banker

PLEDGE

WELCOME

ROLL CALL: Banker, Havens, Knight, Dixon and Rosenberg. All members present. 18 public present

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion by Havens to approve agenda. Support by Knight. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Correction on Minutes of 4/11/17 under Treasurers' report: The motion was by Dixon and the support was by Knight. Motion by Knight to approve minutes of 4/11/17 as corrected. Support by Dixon. Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Dixon to approve Treasurers' report for April. Support by Knight. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Knight to approve payment of bills. Support by Havens. These bills include the payment to BS&A for treasurer tax program. Motion carried

PUBLIC INPUT: None

TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

ASSESSOR: Mike VanHorn reported that the Board of Review in March went very well. The new BOR members did very well. He is starting the new cycle for 2018. He is trying to track down correct addresses. He announced he is retiring from his full time Assessor position for Kalkaska Township as of June 30, 2017. His new phone number is 231 357-2485 His business e mail is bearlakeassessor@gmail.com Sam Rahaim asked for an updated SAD list which they went to the office and ran.

SHERIFF: Deputy Peacock gave a written and verbal report. He spent 56 hrs. in the township and drove 2172 miles in the three townships.

FIRE DEPT: Chief Laskowski reported for April they cleaned the station; put out Smokey the Bear display; attended township meeting; painted the

meeting room; participated in the Trout Festival Parade; assisted Station 6 with their pancake fundraiser. He spoke about burn permits; Check the DNR Burn Permits Map at www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits. Their community yard sale is June 3rd from 9 am – 3 pm. The new Polaris Ranger is out front for viewing. The Brush truck part is finally here so Rodger will start the repair.

HOSPITAL REPORT: Supr Banker reported on the Hospital meeting of April 25th. Most of the meeting was on their financial statements. Springfield Township is putting on an EMS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Supervisor reported that the Board has been working on the Policy and Procedure Manual; He distributed a final draft copy for them to go over and hopes by the June meeting, they will adopt it.

Since this is the first months of the new fiscal year, he would like to submit for approval from the Board what is in the Policy Manual in reference to our website. The webmaster will keep material on the website for one year. When he puts new material on, he will take off the material from the year prior. It will be stored on a flash drive and given to the Clerk to be put in the fire safe in the office.

Motion by Knight to keep material on the website for one year. Material removed from website from the prior years will be put on a flash drive and given to the Clerk to be stored in the fireproof safe in the office on premises. Support by Dixon. Roll call: Yeas: Knight, Havens, Dixon, Banker and Rosenberg. Nays: None Motion carried.

TOWNSHP BOARD MEMBERS CONSIDERATIONS:

SUPERVISOR: He attended a meeting in Gaylord on 4/24/17 of the Northeast Council of Governments. He is now on their Board and will attend monthly meetings. They will be touring Camp Grayling and Alpena CRTC. Next month.

TREASURER: She has been working with Mike VanHorn on the new system. They went to a class last week for BS&A. She feels it will be a good system for us.

CLERK: She reported about the May 2 election. The hospital millage passed by a 2 to 1 margin. Everything ran very smoothly. She presented a resolution for adoption “to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system from Dominion Voting, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board tabulators (if applicable) accessible voting devices for us by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software:.” Motion by Havens to adopt the

election grant resolution. Support by Dixon. Roll call: Yeas: Dixon, Knight, Banker, Rosenberg, Havens. Nays: None Motion carried.

The Clerk presented budget amendments explaining that the Board did not know until after the Annual meeting what their salaries would be exactly so they just budgeted the current amount. The electors generously approved raises for the Board (Thank you very much) The amendments will reflect the new salary amounts. They had budgeted those amounts under contingency so the budget would stay balanced.

The other amendment is for the Fire Dept. Increasing the budget figure for the new Polaris since it was more than they budgeted and they received the money from the sale of the old ranger. So the revenue was increased as was the expense to cover the new Polaris.

Motion by Knight to approve amendments to the budget. Support by Havens. Roll Call: Yeas: Havens, Rosenberg, Banker, Knight and Dixon. Nays: None

Motion carried

TRUSTEES: Trustee Dixon reported that he has spoken with our State Senator Darwin Booher and asked him to come to a township meeting to discuss various issues. He also would like our state rep. Daire Rendon to come in the next couple few months. Board thought that was a good idea.

Trustee Knight reported the DNR open house is July 13, 2017 at the Kalkaska Field Office from 4 pm to 7 pm. They will have the future forest plans on display and will take comments and input at that time. He urged people who are concerned about logging operations to attend. Another logging project is started. Due to oak wilt, commercial cutting has been stopped along M 72.

He and the Supervisor went on a 4 hour bus tour with the Kalkaska County Road Commission and confirmed how really bad our roads are. Hillcrest in our township is in 2nd place for the worst road.

Road construction on M 72 from county line to US 131 will start on May 30, 2017 until approx.. August 4th.

He was just informed that 18,000 trout were released into Bear Lake

Discussion about a list or map of where cutting is taking place. Jim will check with DNR for a list for viewing. We have a list in the office but it is technical descriptions and very long.

A residents asked if we could get the number of fish released into Cub Lake as well as Bear Lake. Jim will check it out.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution presented for Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan which is required by FEMA if the Township ever needs to receive FEMA funding. Motion by Dixon to adopt Hazard Plan Resolution. Support by Knight. Roll call: Yeas: Banker, Havens, Dixon, Knight and Rosenberg. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

The Supervisor thanked the electors for approving the Boards' raises for this year. He reported that the Board as part of their budget work also gave raises to the Fire Chief, Asst Chief, Maintenance Asst. and Clerical Asst. and to the Custodian. Most had not received raises for at least 10 years. Thanks again.

Township Cleanup will be Saturday, June 10, 2017.

The BLTIA would like to purchase a large screen TV and donate it to the Township for residents to use for health programs, education seminars, movies etc. Discussion about who would coordinate this. The Board is in favor of it but would need a coordinator from the BLTIA since they already have a key for hall.

Recycling Trailer. No official notice given, but it has been relocated to Bears Lair. Discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Knight to adjourn, 8:34 pm Support by Banker. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and posted to website by Clerk 5/10/17