

**BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP                      APPROVED**  
**KALKASKA, MI 49646**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

**BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE**

**WELCOME** by Supervisor to November meeting

**ROLL CALL:** Banker, Havens, Allen, Rosenberg; Absent: Majeski. He is still recovering from surgery. The Supervisor on behalf of board members thanked our trustees, Sue Allen and Dale Majeski for their years of service in this Township.

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Allen to approve minutes of 10-11-16. Support by Havens. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion by Allen to approve Treasurer's Report and payment of bills. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Representatives from Chemical Bank were present to talk about a "remote deposit capture" for depositing tax checks electronically. Since the Township will be doing its own taxes this year, this will speed up our operations. It is available to lease or buy outright with Chemical Bank servicing it at no charge. To purchase a multi feed which they highly recommend is \$735.00 plus \$45.00 per month fee. Discussion. We have a large amount of checks deposited during tax season and this will expedite the process. We are one of the few townships in the county that do not have it. Motion by Banker to purchase remote deposit capture machine for \$735.00 plus user fee of \$45 per month. Support by Allen. Roll Call: Yeas: Allen, Banker, Rosenberg, Havens. Nays: none Absent: Majeski. Motion carried.

Bill Diekman announced on behalf of the Eagles Club, they are having a benefit spaghetti dinner on November 11 to help raise funds to replace the roof at Bear Lake Christian Church.

Jerry McKee representing Recycling Center reported that having a recycling trailer in Bear Lake Township would be covered under the Recycling centers' liability insurance. We agreed to try it out for the month of November. Discussion. Motion by Banker to have Kalkaska County Recycling Center place a recycling trailer for the month of November. Support by Allen. Roll Call: Yeas: Banker, Havens, Allen and Rosenberg. Nays: None Absent: Majeski Motion carried.

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS:**

**SHERIFF:** Deputy Wagner present written and oral activity report on behalf of Deputy Peacock. 56 hours spent in Township and 2,049 miles. He also reminded everyone that there are a lot of car/deer accidents this time of year.

**FIRE DEPT:** Asst. Chief Beth Redmond reported for the month: truck checks; township meeting; continuing education; chimney fire review; craft show prep. 8 Medical runs 2 Fire runs She thanked our trustees for all their service.

**HOSPITAL REPORT:** Sue Allen reported and reminded everyone that the people of Kankaskia County OWN the hospital. Reported on the additions to the hospital. We are leaders in elder care. Also a reminder that if you have a hospital bill, you can take in your property tax bill and get some type of credit. They are adding 120 parking spots.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

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

**SUPERVISOR:** Reported the Board of Review meeting is 12-13-16 at 5 pm at the Township Hall.

**TREASURER:** She thanked the Board for purchasing the remote deposit capture machine. She and her deputy attended a meeting today at the Treasurers office. The Townships will be doing all their own tax bills.

**CLERK:** She has been very busy sending out absentee ballots for 11-8-16 election. She has sent out 130 ballots so far.

**TRUSTEES** None. All the Board members gave a verbal thank you to Sue Allen for all her hard work over the years.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Supervisor reported that Sue Allen does not want to keep her position as Hospital Representative on behalf of the Township. He read over the job description and would be willing to take that on. Motion by Sue Allen to appoint Bud Banker as the Township Representative on the Kankaskia Hospital Board. Support by Rosenberg. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented three budget amendments to keep the budget balanced. (attached) Motion by Allen to adopt budget amendments. Support by Havens. Roll call: Yeas: Rosenberg, Havens, Allen, Banker Nays: None Absent: Majeski Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Introductions by all three candidates running for Township Trustee: Jerry McKee, Democratic ticket; Bob Dixon, Republican ticket; Jim Knight, Republican ticket. There are two positions to fill.

Also, question from public about clear cutting on W. Bear Lake Rd. Discussion about that and road conditions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Allen to adjourn, 8:16 pm Support by Havens. Motion carried.

Prepared by Carol Rosenberg, Clerk 11-4-16; Posted to website 11-4-16

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## BUDGET AMENDMENTS

### LEGISLATIVE:

EDUCATION            INCREASE \$200    classes for new trustees

PRINT/PUB            DECREASE \$200

### ELECTIONS:

SALARY                INCREASE \$500    two big elections this year

ELECTION SOURCE    DECREASE \$500

### TREASURER:

SPECIAL MEETINGS   INCREASE \$100    did not budget enough

TRAVEL                DECREASE    \$100