

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP APPROVED

KALKASKA, MI 49646

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2016

BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Supervisor at 7 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: **Present:** Banker, Havens, Allen, Rosenberg. **Absent:** Majeski Dale Majeski will be having surgery this coming week.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: **Delete Hospital Report** Motion by Allen to approve the agenda with correction. Support by Havens. Motion Carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion by Havens to approve previous minutes of 9-13-16. Support by Allen. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT & PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Allen to approve Treasurer Report for September and Payment of Bills for October. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Resident, Charlie Weaver working on behalf of Jordan Stancil, Candidate for State Representative for the 103rd District, encouraged people to support Stancil in the November 8th election.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

SHERIFF: Sgt. Schaub reported on behalf of Deputy Brian Peacock who was on a call. For September he had spent 54 hours in the township and drove 1609 miles. Question from the public regarding animals at large. We are under the Michigan leash law.

FIRE DEPT: Asst. Chief Beth Redmond reported for September. 6 med runs and 4 fire runs. They also did bbq prep; had the bbq fundraiser which was a success; attended township meeting; cleaned up station and did truck checks. They also put on an appreciation dinner for the bbq volunteers. Their annual craft show is coming up on November 5, 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

TOWNSHP BOARD MEMBERS CONSIDERATIONS:

SUPERVISOR: Reported that the Community Police officer contract expires January 2017. We will have a verbal contract at the same rate until March 31, 2017. We received our township audit report and got a "clean bill of health" Everything is in order. A reminder: November board meeting will be NOVEMBER 1, 2016 due to the election being on NOVEMBER 8th.

TREASURER: Reported the summer taxes reporting is done and she is now gearing up for winter taxes. There have been issues with the County Equalization Dept so we are working with temporary people in some cases. We will be looking at increases in township budget next year as we will be printing our own bills next year, plus looking at a check

scanning machine offered by the bank. Question from public asking if the Bear Lake SAD fee will appear on this winters tax bills. The Supervisor responded that there will be No SAD fee on the Bear Lake SAD tax bills this year.

CLERK: Reported exciting news that we are switching to Charter/Spectrum for our internet and phone service which will save us \$100 per month. They will be coming in Thursday. She sent in the insurance self audit for our Workers Comp.; Submitted the L 4029 report to the county.; had the Township Election Commission meeting earlier this evening and have been working on preparing and mailing AV ballots (approx.. 120 so far)

TRUSTEES: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Supervisor reported that the Upper Manistee River Zoning Board requests we have an alternate township member. Our Supervisor is the permanent member and he recommends the board appoint Jim Knight for the alternate. Motion by Allen to appoint Jim Knight as alternate member of the Upper Manistee River Zoning Board. Support by Havens.

Roll call: Yeas: Allen, Havens, Banker, Rosenberg Nays: None Absent: Majeski.
Motion carried.

The Supervisor recommend we approve our snowplow contract for 2016-17 to Black Creek Landscaping with the same rate as last year. We have had them for many years and they do a good job. Motion by Allen to approve the snowplow contract for 2016-17 to Black Creek Landscaping at \$2,800 per season in four monthly payments. Support by Havens.

Roll Call: Yeas: Rosenberg, Havens, Banker and Allen. Nays: None. Absent: Majeski
Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: One of our residents who represents the Kalkaska Recycling Center reported on their progress and asked if the township would be interested in placing a recycling container in the township. Discussion involved liability issues, location, possible trial period. The Board liked the idea if all issues discussed could be worked out. He said he would discuss the issues with the Recycling Board and report again.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Allen to adjourn. 7:42 pm. Support by Havens.

Motion carried.