

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC HEARING ARPA FUNDS  
FEBRUARY 19, 2022  
APPROVED MEETING

1. Call to order at 10:00 am by Supervisor Bud Banker – 3 attending 5 virtual
2. Pledge of allegiance was said
3. Roll call of officers: Banker, Knight, Dixon and Havens present. David absent
4. Bud Banker opened meeting with discussion and suggestions on how to allocate funds. Township will be receiving 72,000 in funds  
Township has received 1<sup>st</sup> payment of 32,000 and will be receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment later in the summer.
5. Beth Redmond had several suggestions:
  - a. Security system for township hall
  - b. New roof for township hall
  - c. Computers for township office and fire station
  - d. New range for kitchen
  - e. New lawn tractor for townshipBeth also reported that the fire dept. just purchased 3 sets of turn-out gear at the cost of \$7,200.
6. Bud reported that the Kankaska County Commissioners were awarding \$25,000 to each township from their funds. He suggested that the funds be used toward the cost of the township roof.
7. Marge Knable asked if the funds could be used to bring broadband internet to the township. Jim Knight reported that Great Lakes Energy has been in the township and is planning on broadband internet in the future but it may take 3 to 4 years to complete.  
Marge also asked if we install a security system what would the ongoing cost be to maintain. Beth reported that it cost the fire dept. \$275.00 per month. When alarm goes off the security company is alerted and in turn they contact 911 and the sheriff dept.
8. Shirley Havens commented on the security system. She would like to see the office door to remain locked and taxpayers and visitors could be buzzed in. We have had a few instances where security was a concern.  
Shirley also asked about having new keys made for the building. Bud said he has a list of who have keys, and what keys have been turned in. The keys that are used cannot be duplicated.

9. Bud talked about the purchase and need of a new lawn tractor. He also suggested the purchase of a trailer for hauling as he used his personal trailer when needed to transport the tractor for repairs.
10. Jim Knight would like to see about upgrading the ventilation system, especially air conditioning for the meeting rooms. He thinks the air conditioning system should be considered before the ventilation system, but it would be nice to have both.
11. Marge Knable would like to see some signage on the new recycle receptacles such as NO TRASH and security cameras.
12. Cheryl O'Brien suggested lighting for the Basketball and Pickleball court.
13. Sam Raihm would like to see the pickleball court resurfaced. When asked about cost Sam reported that it cost \$6,000 6 yrs. ago.
14. Beth Redmond asked Bud if the Emergency Manager Mike has contacted him yet on making the township and emergency facility. Beth will contact Emergency manager to get in touch with Bud.
15. Bob Dixon asked Beth about additional turn-out gear and how much is the cost for each. It was also discussed about radios for the Fire Dept and how many were needed. Beth said at least 6. She also reported that it would be nice to have lift pads which are used to put under overturned vehicles to raise the vehicle so passengers can be extricated. She will get bids on all.

AFTER ALL THE DISCUSSION A PLAN WAS SET IN PLACE to start getting bids. Report needs to be completed by April 30<sup>th</sup> and submitted for approval.

**BIDS ON:**

1. Security System – Bud will get bids
2. Turn-out gear and radios for the Fire Dept. – Beth will get bids
3. Computers for office, Fire Dept. and work-stations – Shirley and Delanna will get bids
4. Kitchen range – Bud will get bids
5. Lawn tractor and trailer – Bud will get bids
6. Ventilation system (air-conditioning for both halls) – Bob and Jim will get bids
7. Lighting improvements
8. Resurfacing

Bud gave a rough estimate of close to 40,000 for a new roof. He has estimates from 10,000 to 40,000.

If in fact we receive the 25,000 from the County commissioners he would like to see it go toward the new roof.

Bob Dixon has contacts in the construction business and will get bids also.

Shirley reported that a separate account will be opened at 4-Front Credit Union in Kaskaska for the ARPA funds.

Bud reminded everyone of upcoming Budget Meetings and BOR in March.

Bob Dixon made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 am – supported by Jim Knight.

Submitted by Shirley Havens

For Delanna David