

Twp. Board Meeting April 8, 2025

7 in attendance:

Call to order: 4 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Banker – Havens – Knight absent: Dannenberg – Dixon

Adoption of Agenda: Add: 9. Old business

A. Resolution #10 – KMHC

B. Resolution #11 – Upper Manistee and Ausable River

Add: 10. A – Richard Jaskowski – Bear lake Twp. Attny.

Motion by Knight, support by Havens all aye – motion carried

Conflict of interest: Banker none – Havens none – Knight none

Public Input: None

Township Reports:

Assessor submitted written report, reported by Banker. March BOR report, board took action on 10 items.

2025 Ad Valorem + Special Act valuations as determined by the BOR were:

2025 Assessed value \$160,368,900

2025 Capped value \$88,158,847

2025 Taxable value \$89,778,406

County Commissioner: No report

SHERIFF REPORT: Deputy Farrier was in attendance, he gave a written and verbal report.

There has been fraud activity on Thrive Market Accounts, he suggested changing passwords.

He also suggested changing passwords on accounts at least once a year.

FIRE DEPT. REPORT: Lieutenant Sharon Pincumbe gave a written and verbal report. Sharon asked if an invoice could be paid to McQueens in the amount of \$3,849.36. Motion by Knight – Support by Havens – all in favor Aye – motion carried.

Sharon asked for volunteers for the Bear Lake Twp. Firefighters Assn. They will be needing help with the Chicken Barbecue in Sept. If anyone is interested please contact Sharon for details.

BLTIA – Beth Redmond in attendance, no report at this time.

HOSPITAL REPORT: Election of Officers and Committee Appointments. Bud Banker has been appointed to KMHC Hospital Board for a 6 yr. term. After Kevin Rogols resignation, new CEO Andrew Raymond was placed on payroll. Hospital is in a transitioning process with employee hiring and growth.

KALKASKA EMS REPORT: Mike Berendsohn, EMS Director gave a written and oral report. 5 calls in BLTwp. Glidescopes are in service. Hired 2 full time paramedics. EMS training 4-21 and 23rd Ultrasound and Triage. Rebuilt truck ready for pickup in Indiana, new truck scheduled for completion in Sept. 25. BLTwp training this month, Pediatric Medical and Trauma.

OLD BUSINESS: Resolution 10 – Authorizing Todd W. Millar of the Parker Harvey Law Firm to Negotiate with KMHC/Kalkaska Health for the return of the Five-year Capital Levy Proceeds.

Motion by Jim Knight - support by Havens

Banker Y – Havens Y – Knight Y motion carried.

RESOLUTION 11: Bear Lake Twp. Resolution in support of the River Improvement Appropriation to the Upper Manistee and AuSable River. For improvements to the Upper Manistee and AuSable rivers using

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stream habitat restoration/installation and management, sand management measures, tree planting, stream bank stabilization and nuisance beaver management.

Motion by Havens – support by Knight. Banker Y – Havens Y – Knight Y motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Richard Jaskowski, new Township Attorney (Carey Jaskowski law firm, Grayling, MI) was in attendance to introduce himself to the board and do a Q & A session. There was discussion on the legality of use of the road ends. He relayed that he is familiar with municipalities and is available to consult on issues in the township. The board is looking forward to working with his firm.

TREASURER REPORT: Shirley Havens, Treasurer reported that the Gypsy Moth CD at Huntington bank is expiring and would like to renew CD. Rates will not be available until April 14th, will report new rate at next meeting.

Treasurer reported on 4-Front Twp. Savings account. Would like to withdraw \$85,000 out of savings and open a CD and leave the remaining 7,330.30 in the savings account for easy access if needed.

Motion by Knight to approve these transactions, support by Havens.

Banker Y – Havens Y – Knight Y all ayes motion carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Knight reported on Road Commission and said there are no projects in the works for Bear Lake Twp., and there are no plans to do anything to Riverview at this time. He reported that 13 million dollars may be available to Kalkaska County but was not sure if it will go to MDOT or County. Jim reported that he believes the Road Commission is going to be putting on the ballot a millage for a new Road Commission Building in the future.

SUPERVISOR: Bud Banker thanked Richard for attending meeting and answering questions.

PUBLIC INPUT: Beth Redmond commented on an article from the Road Commission that there are no plans for road improvements in Bear Lake Twp. and West Bear Lake Rd. Black Bear is in need of repair also.

Jim Knight made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5: 35.