

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: August 11, 2026

TIME: 4:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Banker called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with 6 public in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: Bud Banker, Beth Redmond, Dawn Dannenberg, Jim Knight, and Bob Dixon were in attendance.
4. Adoption of Agenda: Add Business (A) Road Ord. Dixon made a motion, supported by Redmond; all aye; motion passed.
5. Conflict of Interest: Banker(N) Redmond (N) Dannenberg(N) Knight(N) Dixon(N).
6. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 7-14-26
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
 - D. Budget Amendments: none.
7. Public Input: none
8. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Dawn Kuhns was in attendance; no report. She is on the agenda for new business.
 - B. County Commissioner: Not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Under Sheriff Regan Foerster, Deputy Farrier was in attendance. Under Sheriff Foerster introduced himself to the board. Deputy Farrier gave a verbal and written report.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Chief Mark Lasskowki and Lt. Sharon Pincumbe were in attendance; Chief gave a written and verbal report. Chief asked the board to approve a new hire, Shane Maxon. Dannenberg made a motion, supported by Redmond; all aye; motion passed.
 - E. BLTIA Report: Beth Redmond gave a report; they had their annual meeting. Sharon Pincumbe will be the new person to give the board report. At the next meeting, they will have more information on the flagpole area project.
 - F. Hospital Report: none.
 - G. Kalkaska EMS: none.
 - H. COA: none.
9. Old Business:
 - A. Review Road Ordinance: The board reviewed the road end ordinance.
10. New Business:
 - A. L-4029: The board reviewed the new L-4029; approval for the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the form; motion made by Redmond and supported by Dixon; all aye; motion passed.
 - B. Land Divisions: Assessor Dawn Kuhns had a packet for the board on the new law changes on land divisions.
11. Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:

- A. Supervisor – Bud Banker, Congrats to the fire dept on the renewal of the milage and a review on the Hollywood sign.**
- B. Treasurer – Beth Redmond, Audit is tomorrow, Black Bear will be repaved 8-14, and she thanked Dawn Dannenberg on the election with all new workers.**
- C. Clerk – Dawn Dannenberg, she thanked all the election workers; a job well done. We received our May election reimbursement from Crawford AuSable Schools. Please be mindful that when elections are being conducted, the parking lot needs to be accessible to voters and to handicap parking, in accordance with federal and state laws.**
- D. Trustees – Bob Dixon had a review of the grant for the Manistee River and AuSable River.
Jim Knight gave a report on the Road Commission meeting he attended.**

12. Public Input: none.

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dannenberg and supported by Redmond, all aye, meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.