

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: December 14, 2021

TIME: 4:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Call to Order: Bud called the meeting to order at 4:03 with 4 public in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: Banker, Havens, David, Knight and Dixon were in attendance.
4. Adoption of Agenda: Motion to adopt made by Dixon and supported by Havens, all aye, motion passed.
 - A. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of Previous Meeting 11-09-2021
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
5. Public Input: None.
6. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Bud reviewed the Assessor report for November including an invoice for Assessing Site Inspections for \$1060 and a Land Divisions invoice for \$140 payable to the Assessor.
 - B. County Commissioner: Not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Jen Lester gave a verbal and written report for November.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Deputy Beth Redmond gave a verbal and written report for November for Fire and Rescue. Beth asked the board to approve Jacob Brown as a new member and has already received a successful background check. Motion to approve Jacob Brown made by Dixon and supported by Havens, all aye, motion passed.
 - E. BLTIA Report: Not in attendance.
7. Hospital Report: Bud gave a verbal highlight of hospital meeting for November including a pay increase of 6% throughout the network for full time employees.
8. Old Business:
 - A. Poverty Exemption: Bud explained that the board passed an asset test resolution last month and our resolution has been approved. The Board reviewed the Poverty Exemption guidelines for 2021/2022. A motion was made to approve the guidelines by Knight and supported by Dixon.
 - B. Board of Review: Bud explained that there was a vacant seat on the BOR and that Dale Dorrance is the temporary chair person. Bud placed an add on the Township website for a new alternate. Bud introduced Gary Vetter to the Board for review and questions. Motion was made to accepted Gary Vetter as the new alternat for the BOR by Knight and supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.

Here are the tentative dates and times for the March 2022 Board of Review meetings, Tuesday March 8th, 2022 @ 1:30pm (Organizational Meeting), Monday March 14th from 3pm to 9pm (Public Appeals), Wednesday March 16th from 9am to 3pm (Public Appeals)

9. New Business:

- A. Sheriff Contract:** The Board was provided and reviewed the new Sheriff's contract which included an increase of \$271.00. Sheriff Whiteford as in attendance to answer questions and explain the new contract. Motion to accept the new contract made by Knight and supported by Havens.

Roll call vote, Knight, Dixon, Havens, Banker and David all yes, none opposed, motion passed.

10. Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:

- A. Supervisor – Bud** sent around a Christmas Card that was sent to the Township from the Sheriff's department. Bud let us know we have received a recycling trailer for an interim until a new recycling trailer is delivered. Bud also let the Board know he would like them to attend in person classes from the Michigan Township Association in 2022.
- B. Treasurer – Shirley** let the Board know she has 3 summer 2022 tax collections to be approved, COOR, Crawford AuSable and Northwest Educational Services (TBA). Motion to approve collection for COOR, Crawford AuSable and Northwest Educational Services (TBA) made by Dixon and supported by Knight, all aye, motion passed.

Shirley will be in the office to collect taxes on December 30th from 9 to 5 and December 31 from 9 to noon.

- C. Clerk –** Nothing to update.

- D. Trustees –** Bob and Jim both wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Stay Safe!

11. Public Input: None.

- 12. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Havens and supported by Knight, meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.