

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: DECEMBER 12,2023

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 9 public in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: Bud Banker, Shirley Havens, Dawn Dannenberg, Jim Knight, and Bob Dixon were in attendance.
4. Adoption of Agenda: Dannenberg made a motion, supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
 - A. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA
 - B. Minutes of Previous Meeting 11-14-23, Knight made a motion, supported by Havens, all aye, motion passed.
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 - D. Payment of Bills
5. Conflict of Interest: Banker (N) Havens (N) Dannenberg (N) Knight (N) Dixon(N)
6. Public Input: none.
7. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Supervisor Banker gave a verbal report.
 - B. County Commissioner: not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Sheriff Whiteford and Deputy Farrier were in attendance; Deputy Farrier gave a written and verbal report. Sheriff Whiteford on staffing and upcoming contracts.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Captain Sarah Henegariu and Lt Sharon Pincumbe were in attendance. Cpt Sarah gave a written and verbal report. She needed approval to purchase 6 new rechargeable battery packs for SBA's in the amount of \$2911.98, Havens made a motion, supported by Dixon, roll call Banker (Y) Havens (Y) Dannenberg (Y) Knight (Y) Dixon (Y), motion passed.

Discussions on possible mileage reimbursement for the cadets going to training classes and liability if they get into an accident while traveling to classes, the board decided to consult the attorney and insurance company, before moving forward.
 - E. BLTIA Report: not in attendance.
 - F. Hospital Report: Supervisor Banker gave a verbal report.
 - G. Frederic Fire Dept Report: Deputy Chief Ed Goscicki and XO Christin Tuner were in attendance. Deputy Chief Goscicki gave a verbal report. XO Christin Tuner went over Operation Safe Baby.
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - A. Agreement: Bear Lake Twp Fire and Cold Spring/ Excelsior Twp Fire Department: The board decided to table it until January meeting.
 - B. Resolution # 13 Poverty Exemption: Approval for Federal Poverty Guidelines used in The Determination of Poverty Exemption for 2024, Knight made a motion, supported by Dixon, roll call Banker (Y) Havens (Y) Dannenberg (Y) Knight (Y) Dixon (Y), motion passed.

Approval to sign Resolution #13 2023/2024 Hardship (Poverty) Exemption Policy, \$10,000.00 in assets. Dixon made a motion, supported by Knight, roll call Banker(Y) Havens (Y) Dannenberg (Y) Knight (Y) Dixon (Y), motion passed.

10. Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:

A. Supervisor – Bud Banker gave an overview of the hospital.

B. Treasurer – Shirley Havens, asked approval to collect School Summer Tax Collection for 2024 for Crawford County, C.O.O.R. and Northwest Education Services, Knight made a motion, supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.

She also handed out paperwork from C.O.O.R. for a millage increase to be put on the ballots.

C. Clerk – Dawn Dannenberg, had 3 budget amendments, she's not adding or deleting monies from the budget, only moving funds to a category that was over budget from a category that was surplus.

D. Trustees-Bob Dixon, he has Christmas lights up on Goose Creek Rd.

Jim Knight, going to the road commission meeting tomorrow, he will bring up Riverview Rd. He gave an overview on The Clean Energy Bill.

11. Public Input: Vervish, Complaint about business on W. Bear Lake Rd.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Havens and supported by Knight, all aye, meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.