

**BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP**  
**KALKASKA, MI 49646**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**APPROVED**  
**DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

**BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:01 pm by the Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE ON BEHALF OF SANDRA RUPPERT**, late Board of Review Chairperson.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Rosenberg, Havens, Dixon present. Banker, Knight absent. Quorum present.

Motion by Dixon to appoint the Clerk to chair this meeting. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Hoyt present to take minutes. Five public present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Clerk Rosenberg noted that, with the assessor present, we will move the appointment of Lark Samouelian as a regular member of the Board of Review ahead in the agenda to the Assessor Report section.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion by Havens to approve the minutes of 01/09/2018 as presented. Support by Dixon. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Dixon to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2018 as presented. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion by Havens to approve Payment of Bills as presented. Support by Dixon. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS:**

**ASSESSOR:** Mike VanHorn went over the upcoming Board of Review session dates and the time(s) and purpose for each. He also noted problems with his computer system; he plans to call an IT service tomorrow. Property assessment values are beginning to rise, as anticipated. Motion by Dixon to appoint Lark Samouelian as a regular member of the Board of Review. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Kohn Fisher did not attend the meeting.

**SHERIFF:** Deputy Brian Peacock reported that January was a relatively quiet month, and that he had been on vacation for one week. He logged 46 hours in the township and 1499 miles in the four townships covered. The Clerk presented the signed Sheriff Contract to Deputy Peacock to take in to the Sheriff Department office.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Mark Laskowski reported on the Department's trainings and activities for the month of January. He stressed the importance of everyone having an escape plan for their home and family. There were three medical runs and one fire run in January.

**HOSPITAL REPORT:** Mike Tinkle presented the hospital report, stating that the hospital did get their Certificate of Need. Two community forums are being scheduled so the public can ask questions. Top priorities identified are parking and medical staff offices. The hospital lost one family medical doctor, but three new doctors are coming on board this year, including a full time pediatrician. Four Sharps Collection dates have been scheduled in 2018, and they have seen an increase in participation. A Back Safety Seminar will be held on March 1.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**BOARD MEMBERS CONSIDERATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**SUPERVISOR:** No report.

**TREASURER:** Taxes are due tomorrow! Treasurer will be available all day.

**CLERK:** There will be an election in May for the school.

**TRUSTEES:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BUDGET MEETINGS SET:** The Clerk announced that the Fire and Rescue Fund Budget Meeting will be held Wednesday, 03/07/2018 at 10 am. The General Fund Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, 03/08/2018 at 10 am.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGETS:** The Clerk reported the Public Hearing for the Budgets will be held on Saturday, 03/24/2018 at 9 am.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The Clerk reported that the Annual Meeting has been set for Saturday, 03/24/2018 at 10 am. There will be no salary resolutions this year.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Deputy Brian Peacock asked if there will be any consideration for the purchase of a generator for the Township Hall, citing concerns about possible interruption of elections as well as the ability to designate the building as a shelter for area residents if needed. The Clerk noted that this will be a topic for discussion in the Budget Meeting.

There was a question about recycling. Bill Diekman stated that he is still on the Recycling Board. There are three collection trailers located in the area, one here at the Township Hall. Bear Lake Township is using this service a lot!

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm by Dixon. Support by Havens. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and posted by Deputy Clerk Sherry Hoyt, 02/16/2018