

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 10, 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 members of the public in attendance.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: Bud Banker, Beth Redmond, Dawn Dannenberg, Jim Knight, and Bob Dixon were all in attendance.
4. Adoption of Agenda: Add old business (A). Set budget dates and times workshop, 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: Redmond made a motion, supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 1-13-26, Special 1-26-26.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
 - A. Budget Amendments: *GEN 101-171-702 Supervisor Ed + \$200.00, Election 101-191-272 Election Office Supplies - \$200.00. Treasurer 101-253-860 Travel + \$ 200.00, Election 101-191-8014 Election Source - \$200.00.Twp Hall & Grounds 101-265-910 Insurance + \$500.00, 101-265-970 Capital Outlay -\$ 500.00.*
7. Public Input: none.
8. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Written report.
 - B. County Commissioner: Not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Farrier was in attendance; he gave a written and verbal report.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Chief Mark and Ast. Chief Pat Bird was in attendance; a written and verbal report was provided. The gutters were damaged after the snow load came off the roof, and upon further inspection, it was found that the fascia behind it is rotten out and needs to be replaced. Seamless Gutter Solution has already completed some repairs and will finish the rest. Motion for payment for the 1st repairs for \$1200.00 to Seamless Gutter Solution, out of Repair/Maint. Building and the 2nd repairs for \$ 1,800.00 to Seamless Gutter Solution, Capital Outlay. Redmond made a motion, supported by Knight; all aye, motion passed.
 - E. BLTIA Report: Beth Redmond was in attendance; nothing to report.
 - F. Hospital Report: Supervisor Banker gave a verbal report.
 - G. Kalkaska EMS: Bill Brodin was in attendance; he gave a written and a verbal report.
 - H. COA: not in attendance.
9. Old Business
 - A. Set Budget dates and times: March 12th at 9 AM for Fire/ Rescue and March 12th at 10:30 AM for General Budget.
10. New Business

- A. **Pay Resolutions: Salary Resolutions to be accepted by the board and to be presented to the electors at the March Annual Board Meeting -Supervisor Resolution 2 with no increase, Dixon made a motion, supported by Knight, roll call vote as followed Banker(Y) Redmond (Y) Dannenberg(Y) Knight(Y) Dixon(Y) motion passed. Clerk Resolution 3 with no increase. Redmond made a motion, supported by Knight; roll call vote as follows: Banker (Y), Redmond (Y), Dannenberg (Y), Knight (Y), Dixon (Y). Motion passed. Treasurer Resolution 4 with no increase. Dixon made a motion, supported by Knight. Roll call as follows: Banker (Y), Redmond (Y), Dannenberg (Y), Knight (Y), Dixon (Y). Motion passed—Trustee Resolution 5 with no increase. Redmond made a motion, supported by Dannenberg. Roll call vote as follows: Banker (Y), Redmond (Y), Dannenberg (Y), Knight (Y), Dixon (Y). Motion passed. Trustee Resolution 6 with no increase, Dannenberg made a motion, supported by Redmond, roll call vote as follows: Banker(Y), Redmond(Y), Dannenberg(Y), Knight(Y), Dixon(Y), motions passed**
- B. **TWP Meeting Dates 2026-2027, Times Resolution: Resolution #7 26-27 Knight made a motion, supported by Dixon, roll call vote follows Banker(Y) Redmond(Y) Dannenberg(Y) Knight(Y) Dixon(Y), motion passed.**
- C. **KCSD 2026 Contract: Tabled until the March board meeting.**
- D. **Audit 2025-2026 & F65 for 2027: The board had a discussion and decided to table until the March board meeting.**
- E. **Black Bear SAD: A motion to contact Patrick McGow from Miller, Canfield Law Firm as a legal counsel for Black Bear SAD and Warren Creamer MFCI as the financial consultant for bonding, Knight made a motion, supported by Dixon, roll call vote follows Banker(Y) Redmond(abstain) Dannenberg(Y) Knight(Y) Dixon(Y), motion passed.**
- F. **Township Fees 2026-2027: No changes.**
- G. **Assessor- Assessing Policy Public Record: Adoption of the MCL 211.7o CHARITABLE EXEMPTIONS: REAL PROPERTY, GRANTING AND REMOVING A. STATUTORY PROVISIONS AND THREE-PART TEST: MCL 211.7o of the General Property Tax provides an exemption for real or personal property owned and occupied by a nonprofit charitable institution while occupied by that institution solely for the purposes for which that institution was incorporated. In determining whether a taxpayer is qualified for the exemption, a three-part test is applied: Redmond made a motion, supported by Dannenberg; a roll-call vote followed: Banker (Y), Redmond (Y), Dannenberg (Y), Knight (Y), Dixon (Y); motion passed.**
- H. **Assessor – Real Estate Exemption: Adoption of the ASSESSING POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR THE PUBLIC INSPECTION AND COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS, Redmond made a motion, supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.**
- I. **BLTFD Millage Wording – Deadline May 12, 2026: The board and the Chief and Ast. Chief discussed millage amounts and ballot wording. Motion to move forward to the attorney on the ballot wording. Dannenberg made a motion, supported by Redmond. A roll-call vote follows: Banker (Y), Redmond (Y), Dannenberg (Y), Knight (N), and Dixon (Y). Motion passed.**
- J. **KMHC Closed Session- Going into closed session related to the following: Michigan Open Meeting Act- Act 276 of 1976- 15.268(h). To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute. Dannenberg made a motion at 5:39 PM to enter closed session, supported by Knight, all ayes. Knight made a motion to exit closed session and open the regular meeting at 5:47 PM, seconded by Redmond, all ayes.**

11. Board Members' Considerations and Correspondence:

- A. Supervisor – Bud Banker, Revenue update short fall, Twp Floors, IT support, and Audits. He submitted the DNR permit for the annual trash day on June 13th.**
- B. Treasurer –Beth Redmond has nothing currently.**
- C. Clerk – Dawn Dannenberg – Her deputy, Janet Mass, gave notice that she will be moving. I have found a replacement for the deputy position: Stew Petko will start next week.**
- D. Trustees – Jim Knight- attended the road commission meeting and inquired about the Hollywood Street sign and the large snow mounts at all the intersections, due to hazardous conditions when trying to pull out onto the roadways.**

12. Public Input: none.

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dixon and supported by Redmond, all aye, meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.