

# BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

## DRAFT Meeting Minutes

DATE: JANUARY 13,2026

TIME: 4:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

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1. Call to Order: Supervisor Banker and call the meeting to order at 4 PM with 9 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 New Bus (D) Salary Resolutions (E) ATM 4front and Huntington Bank, Redmond made a motion, supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
5. Conflict of Interest: Banker (N) Redmond(N) Dannenberg(N) Knight(N) Dixon(N).
6. Adoption of Consent Agenda: add Special meeting 1-6-26, Dixon made a motion, supported by Dannenberg, all aye, motion passed.
  - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 12-9-25 and Special Meeting 1-6-26.
  - B. Treasurer's Report
  - C. Payment of Bills
  - D. Budget Amendments: *GEN 101-171-703 Supervisor- Special Meeting +\$455.00, Election 101-191-801 Election Source - \$455.00. GEN Election 101-191-802 Election Worker +\$194.14, 101-191-801 Election Source -\$194.17. GEN Twp.Hall&Grounds 101-265-930 Repairs & Maint =\$364.68, 101-265-970 Capital Outlay -\$ 364.68.*
7. Public Input: none.
8. Township Reports:
  - A. **Assessor Report:** The 2026 March Board of Review meetings will be held at the township hall on the following dates/times:  
Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm  
Organizational Meeting; Board of Review accepts the 2026 assessment roll; Valuation appeals are **not** heard at  
PUBLIC APPEAL DATES:  
Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>: 3 pm-9 pm  
Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>: 9 am-3 pm
  - B. **County Commissioner:** none.
  - C. **Sheriff Dept. Report:** Deputy Farrier was in attendance and provided both a written and a verbal report.
  - D. **Fire Dept. Report:** Chief Mark Laskowski and Ast. Chief Pat Bird was in attendance and provided both a written and a verbal report. They would like the board to approve reimbursing Landon Reynald \$150.80 for mileage, out of education funds. Knight made a motion, supported by Redmond; all aye, motion passed.
  - E. **BLTIA Report:** none.
  - F. **Hospital Report:** none.
  - G. **Kalkaska EMS:** none.
  - H. **COA:** none.

**9. Old Business**

- A. Policy and Procedure Manual: Over review with the new changes and replaced with the latest.**

**10. New Business**

- A. Poverty (Hardship) Exemption Resolution #1: New resolution has been updated. Dixon made a motion for approval, supported by Redmond. Roll call vote as follows: Banker(Y), Redmond(Y), Dannenberg(Y), Knight (Y), Dixon (Y). Motion passed.**
- B. School's Tax Collection Resolution: Approval to sign school tax collection resolution for Kalkaska, Northwest ED, Crawford Ausable, and C.O.O.R. Knight made a motion, supported by Dixon, roll call vote as follows: Banker (Y), Redmond (Y), Dannenberg (Y), Knight (Y), Dixon (Y), motion passed.**
- C. Set dates and time for Budget, Special, and Annual Meetings: March 28, 2026, Budget meeting at 9:30AM, Annual meeting at 10:00 AM, and Special meeting at 10:30 AM. Redmond made a motion, supported by Dannenberg, all aye, motion passed.**
- D. Salary Resolutions: Salary resolutions were handed out to Supervisor #1, Clerk #2, Treasurer #3, Trustee #4, and Trustee #5. They need to be handed back to the clerk no later than February 10<sup>th</sup>.**
- E. ATM: Approval for the Treasurer to obtain atm cards from 4front and Huntington Bank for use in making deposits through the drive-thru option. Dixon made a motion, supported by Knight; roll call vote as follows: Banker (Y), Redmond (Y), Dannenberg (Y), Knight (Y), Dixon (Y); motion passed.**

**11. Board Members' Considerations and Correspondence:**

- A. Supervisor –**
- B. Treasurer – Beth Redmond interdicted Dawn Bird as her new deputy.**
- C. Clerk – Dawn Dannenberg had been notified that Crawford Ausable schools will be having an election in May.**
- D. Trustees – Jim Knight gave a review of the road commission meeting on Black Bear Rd and Riverview Rd.**

**12. Public Input: Question about the hospital tax.**

- 13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Knight, supported by Redmond, all aye, meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.**