

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: July 14, 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 10 public in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: Bud Banker, Beth Redmond, Dawn Dannenberg, Jim Knight, and Bob Dixon were in attendance.
4. Adoption of Agenda: Add New Business (B) Great Lakes Energy and Special Meeting Minutes 7-8-26 to consent agenda. Redmond made a motion, supported by Knight; all aye; motion passed.
5. Conflict of Interest: Banker(N) Redmond (N) Dannenberg(N) Knight(N) Dixon(N).
6. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 6-9-26 and Special Meeting 7-8-26.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
 - D. Budget Amendments:
7. Public Input: None.
8. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Supervisor Banker gave a verbal report.
PA 660 AUDIT
The PA 660 audit of minimum assessing requirements is complete. Counties are audited on 5-year rotations. The audit results were formally issued on June 26th (see attached). A perfect score was achieved for this audit cycle.
 - B. County Commissioner: Not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Sheriff Wagner and Deputy Farrier were in attendance. He gave a verbal and written report.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Chief Mark Laskowski, Asst. Chief Pat Bird and Lt. Sharon Pincumbe were all in attendance. Chief gave a verbal and written report.
 - E. BLTIA Report: Beth Redmond gave a verbal report.
 - F. Hospital Report: Supervisor Banker gave a verbal report.
 - G. Kalkaska EMS: none.
 - H. COA: none.
9. Old Business:
 - A.
10. New Business:
 - A. Assessor: Dawn Kuhns was in attendance and accepted the position of Bear Lake Twp Assessor; she also introduced her colleagues to the board.
 - B. Great Lakes Energy: Amend Ord #3 with Resolution #3 application for a permit to access Bear Lake Twp public right of way pursuant to Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Right of

Way Oversight Act (METRO Act) motion made by Redmond, supported by Dixon, roll call vote as follow, Banker (Y) Redmond (Y) Dannenberg (Y) Knight (Y) Dixon(Y) motion passed.

11. Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:

- A. Supervisor –Bud Banker – Looking forward to the chicken BBQ.
- B. Treasurer – Beth Redmond – Cleanup day was good; she thanked the fire dept and Dawn Bird for all their help. Taxes were mailed on July 1st.
- C. Clerk – Dawn Dannenberg – We had the post-audit election for the May election; we did pass. We had the public accuracy testing yesterday, and the first day of early voting starts July 25th, 7 am to 3 pm.
- D. Trustees – Jim Knight gave a report from the road commission meeting.

12. Public Input: Jack asked about a grant for the Manistee and the Au Sable River.

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dannenberg and supported by Knight, all aye, meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.