

# **BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

**DATE: JULY 09, 2019**

**TIME: 7:00 pm**

**PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER**

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1. Call to Order: board
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Officers: Attendance Shirley Havens, Delanna David, Bud Banker, Jim Knight and Bob Dixon
4. Adoption of Agenda: Agenda was amended by Bud Banker to add Pitney-Bowes postage machine to section 9 letter B.  
Motion made to adopt agenda with amendments was made by Shirley Havens and supported by Bob Dixon.
5. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Jim Knight and supported by Bob Dixon.
  - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 6-11-2019
  - B. Treasurer's Report
  - C. Payment of Bills: Bud Banker explained an unexpended expense of \$700 to Browne Electric that was not budgeted for due to well pump issues that needed immediate attention to maintain running water in the hall.  
Motion to approve payment of bills made by Jim Knight supported by Shirley Havens.
6. Public Input: Ken Peress from the Kalkaska Public Library passed out a brochure on the Kalkaska County Library operating millage renewal for the August election. He talked about different service and programs the library has for our community.
7. Township Reports
  - A. Assessor Report: July Board of Review will be on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am for errors and poverty claims.
  - B. County Commissioner: Kohn Fisher was not present.
  - C. Kalkaska County Road Commission: John Rogers Manager passed out a brochure on the Kalkaska County Road millage Renewal Proposal. He discussed how the county can receive matching funds through federal funding. The public had many questions regarding Hill Crest Blvd and why it is not being repaired. John responded to the questions with the information he had, nothing was resolved in the meeting.

- D. Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Brian Peacock was not present but a written report was presented detailing the occurrences in our township.
  - E. Fire Dept. Report: Deputy Fire Chief Beth Redmond gave a verbal and written account of activities and calls for the Fire and Rescue Department for the month of June. She also gave information about repairs that were needed to the fire truck. Beth explained a new fund raiser that will be coming soon for the new well, they will be selling commemorative bricks to build the housing for the well shed. Beth reminded us that they still have a few free smoke detectors left for any one interested.
  - F. BLTIA Report: Sam Rahaim let us know the annual meeting will be August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. There will be a speaker and a video on septic tanks and maintain them.
  - G. Hospital Report: Bud Banker gave an update for the hospital. They are about 75 percent complete with the new construction. The hospital will be holding a strawberry social Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm with free food, games and tours of the hospital.
8. Old Business: There was no old business for this meeting.
9. New Business
- A. Kalkaska Treasurer property foreclosure: The board talked about the properties and due to the location of the properties, the board will be waiving its right to be first in line to purchase them.  
Motion made by Bob Dixon and supported by Shirley Havens.  
Roll Call Vote: Haven yes, David yes, Banker yes, Knight yes, and Dixon yes.  
Motion passed.
  - B. Pitney-Bowes postage machine: Due to the recent problems with the mailing of the newsletter using an outside company the board discussed leasing a postage machine so we can print and post all of our mailings in-house. A motion was made to lease for 1 year with the rental fee being \$420 with this being a board vote to renew each year.  
Motion made by Havens and supported by David  
Roll Call Vote: Haven yes, David yes, Banker yes, Knight yes, and Dixon yes.  
Motion passed.
10. Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:
- A. Supervisor – Bud Banker updated us on Kalkaska County Sheriff’s office using inmates to clean up and clear the road ends and public lake access points. Bud also read us a letter from the AuSable/Crawford school 5<sup>th</sup> grade class about the need for speed limit signs and rumble strips on our local roads.
  - B. Treasurer – Shirley Havens let us know tax bills are out and starting to be received back with payments. Credit card payments will be accepted soon.
  - C. Clerk – Delanna has sent out the absentee ballots for the August 6<sup>th</sup> election. Items on the ballot are all millage renewals including the Kalkaska Public Library,

**Kalkaska County Commission on Aging and the Roads Maintenance and Improvements.**

**D. Trustees – Jim Knight updated us on the bus ride he took with the road commission.**

- 11. Public Input: An attendee asked Shirley about the 1 percent admin fee on the tax bills. Shirley explained that is a servicing/handling fee that is permitted by the State of Michigan.**
- 12. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm  
Motion made by Havens and supported by Knight**