

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: July 14, 2020

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Call to Order: Bud Banker called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, 11 public were in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: Attendance Bud Banker, Shirley Havens, Delanna David, Jim Knight, Bob Dixon.
4. Adoption of Agenda: With the addition of section 8 letter B date change for clean-up day and section 9 letter A County foreclosure property. Motion made by Havens and supported by Dixon, all aye.
5. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 6-9-2020
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
6. Public Input: Harry Schiff from Kalkaska Public Transit was in attendance to remind us they have a millage renewal of $\frac{1}{4}$ mill on the August 4th ballot and that a lot of our elderly citizens rely on them for transportation.

Gayenell Gertelia from the Kalkaska County Library was in attendance to ask the Board to submit a letter of support to the Library to be submitted with grant applications. The Library is seeking grants to pay for the building of a new Library without using taxpayer dollars.
7. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Mike Vanhorn was in attendance, Bud presented him with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service to Bear Lake Township. We wish Mike a happy retirement. Our new Assessor Sally Akerley was also in attendance to introduce herself to the public. She informed us she will be getting married in a few weeks and her new last name will be Murray.
 - B. County Commissioner: Kohn Fisher was not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Ben Hawkins was not in attendance and will be replaced by another officer by August 1st. Sargent Johnson was in attendance and gave a verbal and written report for the month of June.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Deputy Chief Beth Redmond gave a verbal and written report for Fire and Rescue for the month of June. She thanked Bear Lake Improvement Association, Sam Rahaim and Paul Nelson for reconstructing Smokey the Bear to enable him to return to service (and he has a mask too!). Beth informed us the Pads were poured for the well shed and the Well Brick Wall, and they have received 7 new brick orders for a total of 107 so far. It's not too late to order a brick for the inaugural wall! The Fire Dep moved the new shed into place and this week the Electrician will do the final hook up to have power to the shed.

Beth asked the Board for the final payment of funds promised to the well construction in 2019 for the amount of \$2000.00. Motion to spend the money approved in 2019 to apply towards the new fire well in the amount of \$2000.00 was made by Havens and supported by Knight

Roll call vote: Bud Banker, Shirley Havens, Delanna David, Jim Knight, Bob Dixon all yes none opposed motion passed.

- E. **BLTIA Report:** Sam Rhaim gave an update for Bear Lake Township improvement association. BLTIA new member application were included in the summer 2020 tax mailings. BLTIA also donated a large amount of food to the Share Shack at the Bear Lake Christian Church which was greatly appreciated. August 1st at 10AM is the BLTIA Annual meeting, Sam asked the Board to approve a 1 time increase of attendees to 30 people for the meeting. The Board discussed the matter. A motion was made by Havens for the maximum number of 30 people with masks, social distancing, hand sanitizer and temperature checks at the door, motion supported by Dixon
Roll call vote: Bud Banker, Shirley Havens, Delanna David, Jim Knight, Bud Banker, Bob Dixon all yes none opposed motion passed.
- F. **Hospital Report:** Bud informed us that the Hospital board had its first in person meeting. They worked on prioritizing the budget. All board positions have been filled. The new Chemotherapy unit is now open.
- 8. **Old Business**
 - A. **Township Hall closure:** The Board discussed whether or not to close the hall for rentals the rest of the fiscal year due to COVID 19. Motion to close the hall until the end of March 2021 was made by Knight and supported by David, all aye motion passed.
 - B. **Clean-up day date change:** Motion to change the Clean-up date to August 29th from 8AM to 12PM was made by Havens and supported by Dixon, all aye motion passed
- 9. **New Business**
 - A. **County foreclosure property:** Discussion was held on whether or not purchase a foreclosed property for community development. Motion made by Dixon to send the property back to the county for auction, supported by Knight, all aye motion passed.
- 10. **Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:**
 - A. **Supervisor –** Bud posted the Executive order for wearing masks inside on the hall doors. Bud also informed us the bill to postpone tax payments has need vetoed, but will probably be submitted again.
 - B. **Treasurer –** Shirley let us know all the tax bills have been mailed, it took 3 people 8 hours to prep and mail taxes. Also before COVID 19 the Board approved moving \$5000.00 from a maturing CD into the township savings account. Shirley asked the board if they would still like this to occur. The Board discussed and a motion was made by Knight to move \$5000.00 to savings and open a new 1 year CD with the remaining balance, motion supported by Dixon, all aye motion passed.
 - C. **Clerk –** Delanna reminded us the August 4th election is quickly approaching. If you wish to vote absentee please send you applications in soon so a ballot can be sent to you. There will be in person voting on Election Day with limited voters in the building at one time for social distancing and masks must be worn.
 - D. **Trustees –** Bob informed us M72 is now completed.
Jim updated us that M72 road construction from 131 to West Bear Lake Rd has begun and in spring of 2021 they will continue M72 construction from West Bear Lake Rd to the county line. Goose Creek rd. and East Bear Lake rd. will be done soon. He also informed us of the passing of Bill Jackson on June 25th, Bill was Bear Lake Township Supervisor for 12 years, he will be missed.
- 11. **Public Input:** One public updated us that the punishment for the truck that deliberately drove into the Bear Lake boat access flooding the truck is at most a civil infraction.
- 12. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Havens supported by David, all aye meeting adjourned at 8:50

