

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: June 9, 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, 12 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 to Section 7 letter D Frederic Township EMS and Section 9 letter C Budget amendments. Motion made by Bob Dixon and supported by Shirley Havens, all aye.
5. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Jim Knight and supported by Bob Dixon, all aye.
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 5-12-2020
 - B. Minutes of Special Board Meeting 6-2-2020
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 - D. Payment of Bills
6. Public Input: None at this time.
7. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Not in attendance.
 - B. County Commissioner: Kohn Fisher Not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Ben Hawkins Not in attendance.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Chief Mark Laskowski gave a verbal and written report on the activities of the Fire and Rescue Department for the month of May. He informed us that the cement pad was poured today for the new well and for the brick display. Also the Labor Day Chicken BBQ has been canceled due to COVID 19.

Frederic Township EMS Deputy Chief Goscicki was in attendance and gave a verbal and written breakdown of the Kalkaska EMS Division for the month of May. He let us know they have added a 3rd truck to call out for better coverage.
 - E. BLTIA Report: Sam Rahaim gave an update for the association. They will be sending membership forms out with the summer tax bills. He mentioned they will be helping the Fire Department with brick sales and the Bear Lake Christian Church with their food pantry. Sam was in contact with the fish hatchery, they had extra fish they needed to get rid of (for free!) so Sam and friends spent part of a day this week releasing 2000 rainbow trout and 750 brook trout into Bear Lake! Sam ask for approval of the board on 2 issues, first he would like to spent \$60 per year to get rid of the SPAM on the BLTIA web site which the board approved. The second for the board to approve a onetime use of a new chemical that is supposed to work better to treat the milfoil in Bear Lake called Procella COR, it does cost more but if it works should be able to use less. Motion made by Bob Dixon to approve Procella COR for a onetime use and then reevaluate, supported by Jim Knight
Roll Call Vote: Bud Banker, Shirley Havens, Delanna David, Jim Knight, Bob Dixon all yes none opposed, motion passed.

Hospital Report: Bud updated us on the hospital meeting. They are still video conferencing, 15 in attendance. Several small items were addressed.

8. Old Business

- A. Assessor update: The board had a Special meeting open to the public on June 2nd to interview 2 applicants, each were qualified for the available assessor position. At the end of the meeting after both applicants had left the board had a discussion and voted to hire Sally A Akerley as the new Assessor.**

9. New Business

- A. Township Hall closure: The board discussed when to open the hall back up to public rental and large groups, the hall has been closed due to COVID 19. The Board decided to keep the hall closed and revisit the issue at the July meeting.**

- B. Trash day: The June trash day was canceled due to COVID 19. The Board had discussions on when and if we should have trash day this year due to reduced revenue sharing from the state. Motion was made to have trash day September 12th from 12 to 4 pm by Shirley Havens and supported by Bob Dixon.**

Roll Call Vote, Havens, Dixon, David, and Banker all yes. Knight no. Motion passed

- C. Budget amendments: Delanna explained that due to COVID 19 the budget amendments that are usually done in April for the previous budget year were delayed. She explained that the township was actually under budget but categories needed to be aligned and presented the changes that were made.**

AMEND:

General Fund

Supervisor:

101-171-715 Supervisor Payroll Tax EXP	+10.00
101-171-703 Supervisor Special meeting	-10.00

Election source:

101-191-801 Election Source	+2000.00
101-191-702 Election Salary	-1000.00

Twp Hall & Grounds:

101-265-910 Twp & Grounds Insurance	-1000.00
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Clerk:

101-215-715 Clerk Payroll Tax Exp	+5.00
101-215-727 Clerk Office Supplies	-5.00

BOR:

101-247-702 BOR Salary	+400.00
101-247-715 BOR Payroll Tax Exp	+70.00
101-247-960 BOR Education	-70.00

Twp Hall & Grounds:

101-265-910 Twp & Grounds Insurance	-200.00
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Miscellaneous:

101-941-956 Contingency	- 200.00
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10. Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:

- A. Supervisor – Bud asked Sam Rahaim to review and renew his web master contract with Bear Lake Township. Bud also gave Sam several new documents to post to the Bear Lake Township website.**
- B. Treasurer – Shirley informed us that the Crawford AuSable School and Traverse Bay area approved the 2020 tax request. Taxes will be mailed the first week of July and it will include the Bear Lake Township News Letter.**
- C. Clerk – Delanna gave an update on Elections. As of right now the August 4th and November 3rd Elections will be held as normal with voting in person. Remember things can change quickly with COVID 19. Absentee ballot request forms have been mailed by the township to all residences on the permanent absentee list. The State of Michigan has sent absentee ballot request forms to all other registered voters. If you plan on sending your application by email please remember that I need to be able to print the entire form, not just your signature. Also there is a locked drop box at the front door of the hall that you can drop off your applications any time.**
- D. Trustees – Jim called John Rogers and East Bear is to be done this summer to be completed by October 1st.**

Bob updated us on M72, the first coat of topping is done and the bridge is done. Everything should be completed by mid-July. Also Goose Creek road is being prepped and should be done by October.

- 11. Public Input: public had questions about election worker training, nothing has been scheduled yet and may be and online class. Another public wanted a copy of the new budget and it was given.**
- 12. Adjournment: Motion made by Knight and supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed meeting adjourned at 8:24pm**