

# BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

## APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: JUNE 8, 2021

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

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1. **Call to Order:** Bud called the meeting to order at 7:01PM with 11 public in attendance.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
3. **Roll Call of Officers:** Bud Banker, Shirley Havens, Delanna David, Jim Knight, and Bob Dixon were in attendance. None absent.
4. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion made by Knight and supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
5. **Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion made by Havens and supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
  - A. **Minutes of Previous Meeting 5-11-2021**
  - B. **Treasurer's Report**
  - C. **Payment of Bills**
6. **Public Input:**
  - A. **Kalkaska County Commission on Aging:** Mike Cox and Jody Magee gave us a verbal explanation of the .5 millage renewal for the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Election. With the money they will continue all their current services and would like to add snowplowing and lawn mowing for seniors in need. For details on services please visit [www.kalkaskacounty.org](http://www.kalkaskacounty.org).
7. **Township Reports:**
  - A. **Assessor Report:** Sally Murray was not in attendance but did submit the following report for May. "The State Tax Commission has made some recent outreach with respect to the AMAR audit. At this time, they are requesting a backup copy of the assessing database. I plan to provide all requested material to them and will keep the board updated on the progress of the audit.  
I hope to be some assistance with any of the upcoming special assessment districts. The township attorney has contacted me about one of the upcoming pending road special assessment districts. I plan to have a conversation with him this week in the hopes that I may be able to craft a petition template that would be most conducive to our needs. The road SAD requires a sufficient number of petitions along the road frontage itself. A simple majority of lot owners is not sufficient.  
I'll be working with the township treasurer to assure all taxpayer names and addresses are up to date in advance of the mailing of the summer tax bills. I'm always amazed at how quickly these cycles seem to come and go. As always, contact me if you have any questions or concerns."
  - B. **County Commissioner:** Was not in attendance.
  - C. **Sheriff Dept. Report:** Was not in attendance.
  - D. **Fire Dept. Report:** Deputy Fire Chief Beth Redmond gave a verbal and written report for the Fire and Rescue. She also informed us that their safety helmets have expired and are in need of replacement. She brought samples of what they may be replacing them with at the cost of \$400 each and they need 9. The yard sale held Saturday raised \$758 for the Fire Department and she thanked everyone for their support.
  - E. **BLTIA Report:** Sam Raiham updated us on several things. BLTIA removed the old planter barrels in front of the hall and added beautiful hanging flower baskets. Cheryl and Craig O'Brian and Wayne Nesbit built a new sharing library will be installed in front of the O'Brian's pole barn soon.

Feel free to borrow and lend books as you please. BLTIA has purchased an Oxygen meter to monitor the health of both Bear and Cub lakes. Craig O'Brian will be in charge of using the meter for testing. Sam brought samples of LED lights to replace the incandescent lighting in the hall. The board liked the lights so BLTIA will be purchasing the new LED's and installing them in the hall.

F. Hospital Report: Bud gave an update for the Hospital, they had their first in person meeting in 14 months and got a lot done. They finalized the bylaws and approved them. They have been working on the hospitals strategic plan and finalized and approved it as well. The second floor of the hospital is being renovated for the hospital business office to move into.

**8. Old Business**

A. Hall Rental: The board discussed the reopening of the hall and decided to stay closed. The board will revisit the hall rental at the July board meeting.

**9. New Business**

A. East Bear Lake Paving Petition: This was covered in the Assessor update in section 7A.

**10. Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:**

A. Supervisor – Bud reminded us clean-up day is this Saturday from 8am to noon. Bring your newsletter or your tax bill for proof of residency.

B. Treasurer – Shirley mailed 1400 newsletters with about 15 being returned due to no mail receptacle. She had them printed and folded off site and she and Mike stuffed and mailed them. Shirley is interviewing candidates for the Deputy Treasures position if you have someone that is interested please contact Shirley. Kalkaska County is holding a luncheon for the township treasurers in the county and Shirley will be attending. They will be covering some BS&A accounting software information and banking information.

C. Clerk – All absentee ballot applications have been mailed and I am starting to receive signed copies back. I will be mailing ballots for absentees as soon as I receive them.

D. Trustees – Bob had no update. Jim said according to John Rodgers 612 from West Bear to East Shore has been repaved and will be striped soon. 612 from 517 into Kalkaska will be resurfaced (start date not available) to be completed by August 30<sup>th</sup>.

11. Public Input: Marge Knable asked several budget questions which Delanna and Shirley clarified for her. Dave Laurence asked how the paving of East Bear Lake was paid for. Bud explained that the county maintains that road.

12. Adjournment: Motion made by Knight and supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:52.