

# BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

## APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: JUNE 11 ,2024

TIME: 4:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

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1. Call to Order: Supervisor Banker called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with 16 public in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: Bud Banker, Dawn Dannenberg, Jim Knight, Bob Dixon were all in attendance, Shirley Havens was absent.
4. Adoption of Agenda: Add H to line 8 Township Reports, Commission on Aging, Dixon made a motion, supported by Knight, all aye, motion passed.
5. Conflict of Interest: Banker (N) Dannenberg (N) Knight (N) Dixon (N).
6. Adoption of Consent Agenda: Knight made a motion, supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
  - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 5-14-24
  - B. Treasurer's Report
  - C. Payment of Bills
7. Public Input: Gayenell Gentelia spoke with the public on her running for Kalkaska County Treasurer.
8. Township Reports:
  - A. **Assessor Report:** June 1 is the filing deadline for Principal Residence Exemptions-PRE (formerly known as the "Homestead" exemption). At this time, I am preparing to present the "June 1<sup>st</sup>" database to the Kalkaska County Equalization department and the Kalkaska County Treasurer's office so that they can begin the preparation of the summer billings. This is a good time to remind everyone that late filed PRE's are no longer processed by the July and/or December boards of review. Public Act 141 of 2022 provided the assessor with the authority to make these adjustments. As always, the current year and immediately preceding 3 years may be adjusted (with proper supporting documentation).

Additionally, Public Acts 150, 151, and 152 of 2023 were signed by the Governor on October 19, 2023. The Acts remove the authority of the Boards of Review to review and approve disabled veteran's exemptions. All applications for a disabled veteran's exemption are to be reviewed and approved or denied by the assessor. DIFFERENT IN 2024—The disabled veteran properties will no longer have "ZERO (0/0) valuations. Now, the value of the property (assessed and taxable values) will display on the tax bills. However, there will be a notation on the qualifying disabled veteran properties that ZERO taxes are

- B. **County Commissioner: Not in attendance.**
- C. **Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Farrier was in attendance; he gave a written and verbal report.**
- D. **Fire Dept. Report: Chief Andrei, Assistant Chief Mark, Capt. Sarah, Lt Sharon were in attendance. Mark gave a written and verbal report. There will be a Community CPR Class (*no cards will be issued*) on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, please contact Sharon to sign up 231-499-7043. Volunteers needed for the Chicken BBQ, please contact Sharon if you are interested.**
- E. **BLTIA Report: Beth was in attendance; Highway cleanup day will be July 13<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>. Let's get together & welcome in summer Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> 4 – 6pm at the community center.**
- F. **Hospital Report: Supervisor gave a verbal report.**
- G. **Frederic Fire Dept. Allen was in attendance; he gave a verbal report.**
- H. **Commission on Aging: Cheryl O'Brien was in attendance; gave a verbal report.**

**9. Old Business**

**A.**

**10. New Business**

- A. Ambulance Services: Assistant Chief Mark gave a presentation and recommended Kalkaska EMS to service Bear Lake Township. After the board had discussions on terminating Frederic EMS contract and having Kalkaska EMS services, motion was made by Knight, supported by Dannenberg, roll call, Banker (Y) Dannenberg(Y) Knight (Y) Dixon(Y), motion passed.**
- B. Michigan Dept of Treasury 2024 Tax Rate – L4029 Form: Approval to sign the L 4029 and submit it, Dixon made a motion, supported by Knight, all aye, motion passed.**
- C. Xerox: Approval to update the lease and a new Xerox machine, Dixon made a motion, supported by Dannenberg, all aye, motion passed.**
- D. QR code for the pickleball court: After discussions, decided that it would not be in the best interest to allow the QR codes.**

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

- A. Supervisor – Bud Banker, reported on the Tax Allocation meeting and it was approved, and The Kalkaska County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA) has been approved.**
- B. Treasurer –**
- C. Clerk – Dawn Dannenberg, Election Inspector Training class is July 11,2024 for election day and early voting, please get a in touch with me to get the schedule to take the class. The State will be sending out early voting notices.**
- D. Trustees –Bob Dixon, it was a pleasure to work the Twp clean up day.  
Jim Knight gave a report on the solar/ windmills.**

**12. Public Input: none**

**13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dannenberg and supported by Knight, all aye, meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM.**