

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: June 9, 2026

TIME: 4:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

1. **Call to Order:** Bud called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with 7 members of the public in attendance.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
3. **Roll Call of Officers:** Bud Banker, Beth Redmond, Dawn Dannenberg, Jim Knight, and Bob Dixon were in attendance.
4. **Adoption of Agenda:** With the addition of "A" Millage 9 New Business, a motion was made to adopt the agenda by Dixon and supported by Redmonde, all Aye motion passed.
5. **Conflict of Interest:** Banker (N) Redmond (N) Dannenberg (N) Knight (N) Dixon (N).
6. **Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA:** Redmond made a motion, and it was supported by Knight; all Ayes motion passed.

A. **Minutes of Previous Meeting 5-12-26**

B. **Treasurer's Report**

C. **Payment of Bills**

D. **Budget Amendments: none.**

7. **Public Input: None.**

8. **Township Reports:**

A. **Assessor Report: Sally Murray was in attendance; she gave a written and a verbal report.**

These are never easy notifications to give....

With regret and appreciation, I have decided to offer my resignation. I truly enjoyed my time with Bear Lake Township. This is a very special place! I hope to be able to attend the June Township Board meeting to address any questions or concerns you may have about the transition. At this time, I'll offer a few key points:

- **Timing:** With respect to the assessment cycle, this is the *best* time of year to make the transition. The March Board of Review has concluded, summer tax bills have not been issued, there is ample time to measure new construction and conduct site inspections, the PA 660 audit is complete and a new assessor has time to make the unit "theirs" in time for the next audit 5 years from now.

I am willing to continue my employment through August 1, 2026. If you find a candidate in advance of that, I would be pleased. A motion was made to accept Sally Murray's resignation by Dixon, supported by Dannenberg; all aye, motion passed.

B. **County Commissioner: Not in attendance.**

C. **Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Farrier gave both a verbal and a written report.**

D. **Fire Dept. Report: Ast. Chief Pat Bird and Lt. Sharon Pincumbe were in attendance: a written and verbal report. They were awarded a \$2,176.50 grant from Forest Area Credit Union for Ice Rescue Equipment.**

E. **BLTIA Report: Sam Raiham and Sharon Davis were in attendance. Sharon presented a landscaping design for the area around the flagpole to the board, and Dixon moved to approve it, supported by Dannenberg. Roll call vote: Banker (Y), Redmond (Y), Dannenberg(Y), Knight (Y), Dixon (Y). Motion passed.**

F. **Hospital Report: Banker gave a verbal report.**

9. Old Business

A.

10. New Business

A. Twp Millage: Supervisor Banker gave a review, and the board agreed on using the ballot wording for a newsletter to be mailed out.

11. Board Members' Considerations and Correspondence:

A. Supervisor – Bud Banker, Clean-up Day is this Saturday, 8 am to 12 pm.

B. Treasurer – Beth Redmond, sign up for free alerts when a document is recorded in Kalkaska County land records that matches your name. Notifications are sent by phone, text, or email within 48 hours. Your information is kept confidential and used only for notification purposes. Enroll today at www.propertyfraudalert.com . Questions? Contact JoAnn DeGraaf, Kalkaska County Register of Deeds, at 231-258-3315. She will be looking into Rates for the Gypsy moth CD. In the first week of July, the summer taxes will be sent out.

C. Clerk – Dawn Dannenberg, we received our May election reimbursement, and we have been selected for the post audit election for May. The county will be here on Thursday at 1:30 pm.

**D. Trustees – Bob Dixon is looking forward to Saturday's clean-up day.
Jim Knight gave a report on the road commission meeting.**

12. Public Input:

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dixon and supported by Redmond, all Aye, Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.