

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED 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 7:03PM with 4 public in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: Bud Banker, Delanna David, Jim Knight and Bob Dixon were in attendance. Shirley Havens absent.
4. Adoption of Agenda: With the addition of "B" Newsletter under 9 New Business, Motion was made to adopt the agenda by Dixon and supported by Knight, all Aye motion passed.
5. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA: With the removal of the April meeting minute's motion made by Knight and supported by Dixon, all Aye motion passed.
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 4-10-2021: With revision made to section 11 Trustees "Jim" with corrected dates from the Department of Natural Resources for Oak tree pruning. Motion made to adopt minutes with changes made by Dixon supported by Knight, all Aye motion passed.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
6. Public Input: None.
7. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Bud read a memorandum provided by Sally Murray for the month of March.

"The March Board of Review sessions are complete and the new 2022 roll has been created! Work will continue with respect to implementing and fine tuning the state's recently mandated 'CAMA' data standards. All assessing units in the state are required to standardize their databases to conform with the new requirements. CAMA stands for Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal. The computer software system that we house our assessing information in is referred to as "BSA".

Field work will begin shortly." As always, contact Sally if you have any questions or concerns.
 - B. County Commissioner: Not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Ashley VanSloten was not in attendance but provided written reports for the months of March and April for the township.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Deputy Fire Chief Beth Redmond gave a verbal and written report for Fire and Rescue for the month of April. Beth let us know the Bear Lake Twp. Fire Fighters Association will be hosting the Bear Lake Community Yard Sale on Saturday June 5th from 9AM to 2PM. Spaces are available for \$10 each and you can rent a table for \$5 each. Hot dogs and T-shirts will be on sale along with raffle tickets to benefit our Fire Department.
 - E. BLTIA Report: Sam Raiham gave a review of the BLTIA contributions to the community including almost \$500 in food to the Share Shack and building materials. Sam asked the board if there were any projects BLTIA could help with. Bud gave Sam several bids from 2019 for retrofitting the main hall lights to LED. Sam will take the bids to the BLTIA board meeting for a decision.
 - F. Hospital Report: Bud let us know the Hospital zoom meeting was canceled.
8. Old Business

- A. Hall Rental: The Board had a discussion about keeping the hall closed or to open it back up for rental. Due COVID and the constant changes in mandates, the board decided to keep the hall closed at this time and will review it again at the next meeting.

9. New Business

- A. Parking Lot Sealing: Bud presented the board with 4 bids for sealing and striping the parking lot. The 2 lowest bids were from Grand Traverse Sealcoating & Striping for \$3,803 and from Ahrens Asphalt Paving & Seal Coating for \$3500. The Board discussed and a Motion was made by Dixon to accept Grand Traverse Sealcoating & Striping for \$3803, supported by Knight. Roll Call Vote, Dixon, Banker, Knight and David all yes, none opposed. Absent Havens.
- B. Newsletter: Bud gave the board and several public articles for publishing a proof copy of the newsletter that Shirley has been working on. He asked them to review, make corrections and give them back to Shirley so it can be published.

10. Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:

- A. Supervisor – Bud read a thank you note from Terry Star Superintendent of Kalkaska Schools. He thanked Bud and the Board for their work and support.
- B. Treasurer – Shirley was not in attendance.
- C. Clerk – Delanna reported the May election was a success. We had a total of 80 votes including 19 walk-ins. We will be having another election on August 3rd. As far as I can tell this will also only contain one issue, it's for the Kalkaska County Commission on Aging Millage. Absentee Ballot applications will be going out in June to everyone on Bear Lake Township's permanent AV list that live in Kalkaska County.
- D. Trustees –Jim let us know he received a call about the recent cutting of trees along the south side of 612. The question was about the stumps left after cutting. Jim called John Rodgers and He will be looking into the removal of the stumps. John said there is a project to put an overlay on 612 this summer.

Bob said put the bird feeders away and take care of your trash, the bears are out!

- 11. Public Input: Sam let the board know he talked to Josh at recycling and asked if we could have the recycling changed out multiple times a week. Josh said he doesn't have the time or staff to accommodate that. Sam asked the board if they knew if there was a Gypsy Moth problem. Jim said he was keeping an eye on it.
- 12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Knight and supported, all Aye, Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:04.