

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: March 10, 2026

TIME: 4:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Banker called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with 10 members of the public in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: Bub Banker, Beth Redmond, Dawn Dannenberg, Jim Knight, and Bob Dixon are in attendance, none absent.
4. Adoption of Agenda: Redmond made a motion, supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
5. Conflict of Interest: Banker (N) Redmond (N) Dannenberg (N) Knight (N) Dixon (N).
6. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 2-10-26, 2-10-26 clos session, and Special 3-3-26.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
 - D. Budget Amendments: *GEN 101-265-801 Serv Cont/Xerox/Lois Mc: + \$ 1100.00 – 101-191-801 Election Source - \$ 1100.00.*
7. Public Input: Dave Boynton asked about Riverview Rd possibly being replaced and how it has become a hazard to people driving on it.
8. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: none.
 - B. County Commissioner: none.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Farrier was in attendance and provided both a written and verbal report.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Mark Laskowski and Lt Sharon Pincumbe were in attendance and provided both a written and verbal report. The Firefighters Association will be putting on a community yard sale this year. They are always looking for new people to join the association. Chief Laskowski would like approval to hire Katelyn Proper; her background check came back clean. A motion to hire Katelyn Proper: Dixon made a motion, supported by Dixon; all ayes; motion passed. Chief would like to remind everyone that they are a volunteer fire department, not a full-staff one.
 - E. BLTIA Report: none.
 - F. Hospital Report: Supervisor gave a verbal report.
 - G. Kalkaska EMS: none.
 - H. COA: none.
9. Old Business:
 - A. KCSD 2026 Contract: A motion to approve the new contract. Redmond made a motion, supported by Knight, for a roll call vote as follows: Banker (Y), Redmond (Y), Dannenberg (Y), Knight (Y), Dixon (Y). Motion passed.

- B. **Audit 2026-2027:** A motion to table until April, Dixon made a motion, supported by Redmond, all aye, motion passed.
 - C. **IT Support:** 2 estimates for IT support. Anavon set-up fee: \$2,179.39; monthly fee: \$185.00; Allpro Technology annual fee: \$4,126.08; monthly fee: \$343.84. Knight made a motion to contact Anavon for IT, supported by Dixon. A roll call vote followed: Banker(Y), Redmond (Y), Dannenberg (Y), Knight (Y), Dixon(Y). The motion passed.
- 10. New Business:**
- A. **GFL Contract Clean- up Day:** There is a 29% fuel charge an increase \$3.00 per yeard, a motion to approve and sign the contract, Knight made a motion, supported by Dixon, roll call vote as followed Banker(Y) Redmond(Y) Dannenberg(Y) Knight (Y), Dixon(Y), motion passed.
 - B. **Great Lakes Energy Ord: Ordinance # 3,** a franchise, granting to Great Lakes Energy Cooperative, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate electric and fiber lines, poles and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places and to conduct a local electric, broadband and communication business in Bear Lakee Township, Kalkaska County, Michigan for a period of thirty years, motion for approval made by Redmond, supported by Dannenberg, roll call vote as followed Banker(Y) Redmond(Y) Dannenberg(Y) Knight(Y) Dixon(Y), motion passed.
 - C. **Twp Floors:** Tabled until April.
 - D. **BS&A Cost:** The Treasurer and Assessor are currently using BS&A. Net with the annual cost of \$ 1702.00, BS&A wants users to upgrade to BS&A Cloud. The cost for the cloud is \$8,000.00 one-time setup fee and \$6,000.00 per year. The board discussed the manner, due to the high cost, Dixon made a motion not to upgrade to BS&A Cloud, supported by Knight, roll call vote as follows: Banker(Y), Redmond(Y), Dannenberg(Y), Knight(Y), Dixon (Y), motion passed.
- 11. Board Members' Considerations and Correspondence:**
- A. **Supervisor – Bud Banker,** Things are getting started with the bond company for Black Bear SAD. If you are interested in paying your part up front, you will have until May 1st, with no interest added.
 - B. **Treasurer – none.**
 - C. **Clerk – Dawn Dannenberg,** Public Accuracy testing for May election (Crawford AuSable School District only) April 21, 2026, at 10:45 AM.
 - D. **Trustees – Jim Knight,** Frost laws are on in Kalkaska County, and please report any road conditions that are a problem.
- 12. Public Input:** Dave Boynton, the owner of Boynton Fire Safety Services, is here to service Bear Lake Twp and the surrounding areas.
- 13. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Dixon and supported by Redmond, all aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.