

# BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

## APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: November 10, 2020

TIME: 4:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

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1. Call to Order: Bud Banker called the meeting to order at 4:03PM with 5 public in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: In attendance, Bud Banker, Shirley Havens, Delanna David, Jim Knight, Bob Dixon. None absent.
4. Adoption of Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.
5. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made to approve by Dixon and supported by Knight, all aye.
  - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 10-13-2020
  - B. Treasurer's Report
  - C. Payment of Bills
6. Public Input: None
7. Township Reports:
  - A. Assessor Report: Sally Murray was not in attendance.
  - B. County Commissioner: Kohn Fisher was not in attendance.
  - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Ashley Van Sloten gave a verbal and written report for the month of October. Deputy Van Sloten also presented the board with a check to reimburse the township for Deputy Wages for the months of April and May from COVID bond money received at the Sheriff's office.
  - D. Fire Dept. Report: Deputy Chief Beth Redmond gave a verbal and written report for the Fire and Rescue for the month of October. Deputy Redmond stated they are still looking for a mason to work on the brick project. They have sold 3 more bricks totaling 112.  
Also, please make sure you manually turn on your lights in the foggy or snow conditions during the daylight hours.
  - E. BLTIA Report: Sam Rahaim let the board know that the BLTIA association is available for new projects if the board has a request. BLTIA has another food drop coming to the share shack soon.
  - F. Hospital Report: Bud gave a verbal report from the hospital meeting. The CEO and 5 members have contacted COVID 19.  
The board is currently working on the bylaws.  
The hospital can currently process up to 100 COVID 19 test on site before having to ship to other lab's. The hospitals walk in clinic should be open in January or February 2021.  
The hospital announced that its pandemic response has moved from yellow to orange due to the increase in cases.
8. Old Business
  - A. BLT Noise Ordinance: The board looked over and talked about the noise ordinance that was presented by Bud after it was read by the sheriff's office and the townships attorney.

Motion to send the ordinance to the attorney for finalization made by Dixon and supported by Havens. Roll call vote: Knight, Banker, David, Havens, and Dixon all yes, none opposed. Motion passed

**9. New Business**

- A. **County Designated Assessor:** The board looked at an application for Polly Cairns sent to us by Sally Murray for the County Designated Assessor position that is available at the county level. Bud explained about the position and that the county will be choosing the applicant and the townships will need to vote the person in if they so choose.

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

- A. **Supervisor –** Bud let us know that the Board of Review will be December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the township hall. The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors and mutual mistakes of facts as defined by the General Property Tax Act in MCL 211.53b. The board may also consider appeals related to Qualified Agricultural Exemptions, Poverty Exemptions (but not for poverty exemptions denied by the March BOR), Disabled Veteran Exemptions and Principal Residence Exemptions. The meeting is open to the public, as provided in Act 267, P>A> 1976 Open Meetings Act. Bud then read a letter from the Kalkaska Schools. They will have a bond renewal on the ballot in the May 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 election. A ‘no-millage rate increase’ Bond Vote for May 2021 extends the current 3.72 debt levy for six more years after then it drops to 3.10. The bond is expected to be approximately \$16.85M and be repaid over 14 years. The general purpose of the bond will be an investment in the Early Childhood Center, to relocate Cherry Street Intermediate’s 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades to Birch Street, adding a multi-purpose center/gym, security upgrades, energy efficiency improvements and much more.
- B. **Treasurer –** Shirley is working on the 2020 winter tax bills. They will be in the mailed sometime after Thanksgiving. Taxes are due by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. You will notice on the back of your tax bill is the Kalkaska county rabies clinics information notice to dog owners. Shirley announced she has a new deputy, her name is Lola Melvin. You will be seeing her in the office soon.
- C. **Clerk –** Delanna gave the board budget amendments that were made on 11-3-2020 to move funds internally to balance categories that were over budget. Nothing was added to the budget. The Election went very well for Bear Lake Township, our Election crew was amazing! I’m so grateful to all my election workers and to Cheryl O’Brian who leads them! I could not have gotten through this Election without this wonderful group of people!
- D. **Trustees –** Jim let us know the lines are now painted on East Bear Lake Rd. 72 is done, they are working on just the shoulders now and they will be starting back in May to complete from Bear Lake Rd. to the county line.

**11. Public Input:** Beth has been working on getting PPE for the fire department and has found that masks and gloves are running low. If you need them for your home you may want to purchase them soon.

Shirley thanked Bud for all he does at the hall, from filling holes in the driveway to setting up the rooms for use and taking them down again. We all appreciate you Bud!

Sam thanked Deputy Van Sloten for her patrols in the area.

**12. Adjournment:** Motion made by Knight and supported by Havens all aye meeting adjourned at 4:53

