

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved MINUTES

DATE: November 9, 2021

TIME: 4:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Call to Order: Bud called the meeting to order at 4:00 with 2 public in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: Banker, Havens, David, Knight, and Dixon were in attendance, none absent.
4. Adoption of Agenda: With a change to the previous meeting minutes in section 10 D from "trail head" to "Blue Lake road" motion made to adopt made by Knight and supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
 - A. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of Previous Meeting 9-12-2021
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
5. Public Input: None.
6. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Not in attendance.
 - B. County Commissioner: Not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Not in attendance.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Deputy Chief Beth Redmond gave a verbal and written report for Fire and Rescue for October. Beth reminded us its chimney fire season, please get your chimneys cleaned before starting your fall fire.
 - E. BLTIA Report: BLTIA had nothing to report.
7. Hospital Report: Bud attended the October KMHC Board meeting and gave a verbal overview of the meeting. COVID-19 Update: Continuing to see high number of COVID cases in Michigan. Emergency Departments, walk-in clinics and urgent care facilities in our region experiencing very high volumes. Curbside COVID Testing is Sundays, 9 AM to 12 PM; Tuesdays, 1 PM to 7 PM; Thursdays 1 PM to 7 PM. Location is 515 S Birch Street, KMHC Campus (green house south of the Assisted Living building, look for orange flags). Testing is free and no ID or insurance is required but accepted. No appointment necessary
8. Old Business: None.
9. New Business:
 - A. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Shirley gave the board some printed information about ARPA and let us know we have received the first check from the State of Michigan for \$36,272.50. She explained that it is still unclear what the money can be used for at this time. Per a suggestion in the ARPA documents Shirley will be asking our auditors how/where to deposit the check (separate account or in the general budget account). A second check should be sent to the Township within a year and follow the same process.
10. Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:
 - A. Supervisor – None.

- B. Treasurer – Shirley billed the schools for tax collection and received checks from all of them today. Shirley asked the board to approve tax collection for Kalkaska Public Schools for summer of 2022. Motion made by Havens to collect and supported by Knight, all aye motion passed. Shirley let us know she is preparing the winter tax bills and they will be sent out soon. The transfer to Huntington Bank has been completed, we have all our new account numbers.**
- C. Clerk – Delanna explained to the board an error that was made when paying the Par Plan Insurance. The payment was supposed to be split 50% from the General account, 25% from Fire, and 25% from Rescue. Instead it was all paid out of General. To correct this checks were cut from Fire and Rescue and deposited into General. So the budget shows we are over budget for insurance in the General fund with \$12,610.00 posted in our reimbursements.**
- D. Trustees – Bob wished us all Happy Thanksgiving, be safe!
Jim reminded us all to watch for deer and turn on our headlights.**

11. Public Input: None

**12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Knight and supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 4:25.**