

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 11, 2025

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 four 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 all in attendance.
4. Adoption of Agenda: Add New Business (D) Dornbos Sign, Inc., 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: Knight made a motion, supported by Dannenberg, all aye, motion passed.
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 10-14-25 and Special 10-21-25
 - B. Treasurer's Report for September and October.
 - C. Payment of Bills
 - D. Budget Amendments: Fire- 206-000-910 Insurance +\$1,000.00, 206-000-960 Education – \$1,000.00.
7. Public Input: none.
8. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Supervisor gave a verbal report.
 - B. County Commissioner: none
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Sgt Beaver was in attendance. He provided both written and verbal reports.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Asst Chief Pat Bird and Lt Sharon Pincumb were in attendance. Pat provided both written and verbal reports. The Fire Department would like to transfer \$80,000.00 from the Fire/Rescue 4 front checking account to a money market account. Approval for the treasurer to transfer \$80,000.00 from the 4front checking account into a Huntington money market account. Dixon made a motion, supported by Knight, and the roll call was as follows: Banker (yes), Redmond (yes), Dannenberg (yes), Knight (yes), and Dixon (yes). The motion passed. Pat reviews the fire/rescue millage for the upcoming 2026 August election. BLTFA presented a check to the fire department for \$14,000.00 for the truck fund.
 - E. BLTIA Report: Beth Redmond was in attendance. They repaired the well house.
 - F. Hospital Report: Banker gave a verbal report.
 - G. Kalkaska EMS: Bill Brodin was in attendance. He gave a written and a verbal report.
 - H. COA: none
9. Old Business
 - A. Dredge Road End Review: The board reviewed the progress at the road end. Discussing a DNR grant, the board decided not to pursue it.
 - B. Black Bear Rd: The banker gave an update on the petition.

10. New Business

- A. Attorney KMHC Twp's: Amend 1- 2019 Marihuana ordinance, adding a new paragraph in section 1. Additionally, Bear Lake Township further prohibits any marijuana establishments or facilities within its boundaries and declines to grant any licenses under the provisions of the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act, Act 281 of 2016, MCL 333.27101 et seq. New Ordinance 2-2025: Dannenberg made a motion, supported by Dixon. The roll-call vote was as follows: Banker (yes), Redmond (yes), Dannenberg (yes), Knight (yes), and Dixon (yes). The motion passed. Review of the KMHC attorney.**
- B. Interlocal Agreement for Kalkaska County to Approve the Designated Assessor: The Interlocal Agreement for a Designated Assessor for Kalkaska County, January 1, 2026, through December 21, 2029. Kalkaska County proposes that Clifford (Joe) Porterfield serve as the Designated Assessor for all Townships in Kalkaska County, a motion to approve Clifford (Joe) Porterfield as the Designated Assessor for Bear Lake Township and sign the agreement, Redmond made a motion, supported by Knight, roll -call vote was as followed Banker (yes) Redmond (yes) Dannenberg(yes) Knight (yes) Dixon (yes), motion passed.**
- C. Amazon Business Account: The Treasurer has done research and compared pricing. The Treasurer and Clerk discussed establishing a possible Amazon Business Account for Bear Lake Township to save funds on office supplies and other expenses. Dixon made a motion to have the Treasurer and Clerk authorized to open an Amazon Business Account for Bear Lake Township, supported by a roll-call vote, which was as follows: Banker (yes), Redmond (yes), Dannenberg (yes), Knight (yes), and Dixon (yes). Motion passed.**
- D. Dornbos Sign Inc.: The Supervisor presented a quote from Dornbos Sign Inc. for 12 signs with our ORV Ordonnance printed on them for each road ends, the cost for 12 signs would be \$ 484.80, Dannenberg made a motion to purchase 12 signs from Dornbos Sign Inc., supported by Redmond, roll- call vote was as followed Banker (yes) Redmond (yes) Dannenberg (yes) Knight (yes) Dixon(yes) motion passed.**

11. Board Members' Considerations and Correspondence:

- A. Supervisor – Banker read a thank-you card from Shirley Havens.**
- B. Treasurer – Redmond has presented to the board quotes from KCI and Maple River Direct for printing/mailing for winter and summer property tax bills and newsletter, she would like to go with Maple River Direct for 2025-2026, Knight made a motion, supported by Dixon, roll- call vote was as followed Banker(Y) Redmond (Y) Dannenberg (Y) Knight(Y) Dixon(Y), motion passed.**
- C. Clerk – Dannenberg, the election was good, and she thanked all her election workers. She needs more election workers. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact her. There will be classes in 2026. Happy Veterans Day to all the veterans.**
- D. Trustees –Knight attended the road commission meeting. If you see an unsafe road condition, please report it to the road commission or MDOT.**

12. Public Input: none.

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Knight and supported by Dixon, all aye, meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM.