

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: October 13, 2020

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Call to Order: Bud Banker called the meeting to order at 7:02PM with 2 public in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: In attendance, Bud Banker, Shirley Havens, Delanna David, Jim Knight and Bob Dixon. None absent.
4. Adoption of Agenda: With the replacement in Section 7 replacing Assessor Report with Terry Star and addition in section 10 of B Assessor contract and C SAD resolutions. Motion to adopt agenda with changes made by Knight and supported by Havens, all aye, motion passed.
5. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Havens and supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 9-8-2020
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
6. Public Input: None
7. Township Reports:
 - A. Terry Starr: Kalkaska School Superintendent Terry Starr handed out the Blazer Bulletin for October and a tri-fold brochure for Kalkaska schools. He gave the board a quick rundown of the happenings in the Kalkaska schools including in person and online student learning. He informed us that there has been zero cases of COVID 19 in Kalkaska School district. The Board thanked Terry for his time and for the information about Kalkaska Schools.
 - B. County Commissioner: Kohn Fisher was not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Ashly Van Sloten gave a verbal and written report on the activities in the township for the month of September.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Mark Laskowski gave a verbal and written report on the activities in the township for the month of September, it was a record breaking month with 19 medical runs and 4 fire runs. He let us know they are still looking for a mason to work on the Brick project. Mark reminded us it's that time of year for chimney fires, please make sure to get your chimney cleaned before warming your house. Mark asked the board to approve another potential fire department member John Best pending a successful background check. Motion made for approval pending successful background check made by Knight and supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
 - E. BLTIA Report: Cheryl O'brian gave a verbal report for BLTIA for the Month of September. BLTIA purchased and installed a beautiful new sign for the Township hall. They are continuing to support and provide food for the share shack. BLTIA currently has 159 paid members, which is up 8.2% from 2019 and also the highest since 2014.
 - F. Hospital Report: Bud attended the Hospital meeting for September which was via zoom. Several issues were discussed.

8. Old Business

- A. **BLT Noise Ordinance:** The Board went through a proposed ordinance line by line adding and deleting sections to customize an ordinance for Bear Lake Township. Bud will type up the final ordinance and send it to the townships Attorney for examination. The Board will address and vote on the ordinance in the November meeting.

9. New Business

- A. **Snow Plow Contract:** A contract with Mike Price for snowplowing was submitted to the Board for approval in the amount of \$3000.00 which is an increase of \$280.00. Motion to approve the contract made by David and supported by Havens, all aye, motion passed.
- B. **Assessor contract:** The Board discussed the Assessor contract issue with the \$15.00 per parcel fee. The contract states the Assessor will be paid \$15.00 per parcel reappraised. The Board did not understand that the intent of the Assessor was to reappraise 20% of Bear Lake Township each year, which will increase the Assessor budget by approximately \$5000.00. The Board discussed moving funds within the budget to accommodate the Assessors work. The Clerk will have the accounts and amounts to be moved at the November meeting.
- C. **Bear Lake and Cub Lake assessments:**
Adoption of Resolution #6 for Bear Lake assessment. Motion by Knight to decrease 2019 Bear Lake SAD NO 10-10B from \$42.35 to read \$26.00 for 2020.
Support by Havens. Roll Call: Yeas: Banker, Havens, Dixon, Knight and David. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Adoption of Resolution #7 for Cub Lake assessment. Motion by Dixon to keep 2019 warrant for Cub Lake Special Assessment NO 10-10C at \$0.00 to read \$ 0.00 for 2020. Support by Havens. Roll Call Yeas: Banker, Havens, Dixon, Knight and David Nays: None. Motion carried

10. Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:

- A. **Supervisor –** Bud let us know that Bonnie Isaac passed away. The family will be having her viewing on Friday the 16th from 2-8 at Wolfe O’Neill Funeral Home, 106 S Cherry St in Kalkaska. They are limited to 25 people at a time.
- B. **Treasurer –** Shirley let us know that her Deputy Sharron Pincumbe has resigned. Shirley thanked Sharron for her service and help. Shirley will be adding a new Deputy in November, her name is lola Melvin. Shirley thanked the tax payers for the best tax season so far, payments made on time, everyone being cordial and for masks being worn.
- C. **Clerk –** Delanna let us know she has currently sent out 235 absentee ballots for the November election. You can still request an absentee ballot if you would like one, and polls will be open for in person voting as normal with masks being worn. The last day to drop off your absentee ballot is November 2nd by 10am, anything after that can be brought in on Election Day to the poll.
- D. **Trustees –** Jim said he talked to John Rodgers the county road commissioner about painting lines on Goose Creek road and East Bear Lake Rd. John said Goose Creek has never had lines and it will not be getting lines. Jim let us know they will be working on the shoulders on East Bear Lake Rd and M72 is almost finished.

11. Public Input: Sheriff Pat Whiteford Gave the Board some good news. The Sheriff’s office has applied for and was approved for several grants from the CARE’s act for the months of March and April. The Sheriff’s department will be refunding to the Township the Deputies wages for March and April.

12. Adjournment: Motion made by Havens and supported by David all aye motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:54

