

APPROVED

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP

KALKASKA, MI 49649

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Supervisor at 7:07 pm

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL: BANKER, HAVENS, KNIGHT, DIXON AND ROSENBERG. All members present.

7 public present

A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REFLECT ON 9-11-2001

There were no changes to the agenda.

Motion by Havens to adopt the consent agenda. Support by Dixon. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: A moment to honor our own Fire & Rescue departments.

SHERIFF DEPT: Deputy Brian Peacock reported 55 hours spent in our township and 1,919 miles driven in all his townships. We are missing one "no parking" sign.

FIRE DEPT: Asst. Chief Redmond reported activities for the month including truck checks; new hire orientation; driver training on tank and engine; August township meeting; engine and tanker training at Bear Lake. There were 3 med runs and 1 fire run.

Thanks to Deputy Dave Wagner for helping with Chicken BBQ. Thanks to all who participated in the 40th annual Chicken BBQ. They set a record for dinners sold at 308 and raised \$5,900.

They are selling the dunk tank.

HOSPITAL REPORT: Supr Banker reported construction updates; continuing work on ER Dept.; reported on upcoming events including Sharps Disposal day on 9-19-18 8:30 to 10:30 am.

BOARD MEMBER CONSIDERATIONS:

SUPERVISOR: Thanks to the BLTIA for doing the flowers, bark, pickleball court and much more.

A letter was read from Frank W. Grant commending our Community Sheriff for the excellent police coverage.

He attended the Road Commission County road trip; attended open house at hospital for the three new doctors. He attended the Transit Board meeting; they are getting a 6th new bus; the fireworks ordinance went into effect.

TREASURER: She reminded everyone that she will be in the office all day Friday for the end of the tax season. This tax season has been the best yet. We had our audit and it all went well.

CLERK: She also reported that after hours of preparation and an 8 hour day with the auditors, all the records and books and finances are in good shape. She is now getting ready for the fall election.

TRUSTEES: Jim Knight reported about East Bear Lake Road. They are going to do something different than the skip patch. Discussion about that road. A letter was read regarding Senate Bill 396 introduced by Senator Tom Casperson. The current version would exempt log trucks from all weight, length and width requirements that all commercial trucks are to adhere to on COUNTY roads. It would also exempt log trucks and forest harvestry equipment spring weight restrictions (frost laws). Discussion. The Supervisor will check into this more and draft up something and get it sent. No road work was done this year in our township except CR 612 which is not just our township.

NEW BUSINESS:

GENERATOR: The board has been discussing the generator issue for years. All agree it would be good to have one for disasters, power outages, etc.

Three bids were presented:

Browne's Electric, 22KW \$8,128.08 plus \$500 for gas hookup.

Fritch Electric, 22KW \$7,900.00 plus \$600. For gas hookup.

Northern Power Electric, 22 KW \$9,455.00 includes cost of gas hook up.

All companies recommended a 22 KW generator.

The Fire Dept. recommends Browne's Electrical. Other people have had them also.

Discussion. All positive comments about all the companies.

Motion by Havens to approve purchase of new generator from Browne's Electric for \$8,628.08 which includes gas hook up. If amount different the Board will be notified. The money for the generator has been budgeted in the Twp and Grounds Budget, Capital Outlay.

Support by Dixon. Roll Call: Yeas: Dixon, Knight, Banker, Havens, Rosenberg.

Motion carried.

Public Input: It was restated that the \$10,000 budgeted for generator is in the general fund.

Discussion about recycling and problem with some people putting garbage in the bins. Sam would like to put up a sign on a pole that says NO GARBAGE. There were no objections.

Sam Rahaim also presented the board with the OFFICE signs he did with wood that Walt Kenel donated. Thank you Sam and Walt and the BLTIA.

The new section of pickleball court needs to be sealed and they asked if the township would seal the new cement. The Supervisor said the twp could seal the new part. Discussion.

Jo Rahaim from the BLTIA asked us to keep them in mind for other improvements.

It was suggested to purchase an AED for in the community center. Discussion on how important that would be.

Jim Knight commended Shirley Havens, Treasurer and Carol Rosenberg, Clerk for the hard work they did for this audit.

Discussion with deputy about emergencies and how the disasters here are more localized.

Motion to adjourn, 8:20 pm by Havens.

Support by Dixon.

Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Clerk 9-15-18