

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: September 8, 2020

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Call to Order: Bud Banker called the meeting to order at 7:03pm 12 public were in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: In attendance, Bud Banker, Delanna David, Bob Dixon and Jim Knight. Absent: Shirley Havens.
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Jim Knight supported by Bob Dixon, all aye motion passed.
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 8-12-2020
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
6. Public Input: Sam Rahaim requested from the board that a noise ordinance be adopted due to the problems that Bear Lake has had this summer with loud late night boating and vulgar language. He stated the police have been called on numerous occasions. Sam provided the board with copies of emails sent to him containing opinions both for and against an ordinance. Multiple people in the gallery had a lot to say on the issue for each side (for and against). The Board continued this topic in section 9A New Business.
7. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Sally Murray gave a verbal and written report for her assessment duties in Bear Lake Township. First she noted her new email address SallyAnnMurray8120@gmail.com. Sally addressed Land Divisions and would like the Board to revisit the last Land Division Ordinance from 1997, in which the fees are no longer enough to cover the cost of the split. This needs a slight modification to meet the work involved to process a split. For Special Assessment Districts Sally is working with Sam Rahaim to study the accuracy of the Bear Lake special assessment district. She has also been computerizing all the assessing records. This will take many hours, weeks, or months. When completed this information will be available to the taxpayers, free of charge, on the BSA sponsored portal.
 - B. County Commissioner: Kohn Fisher was not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Ben Hawkins was not in attendance, Officer Ashley VanSloten gave a verbal and written report on the activities in Bear Lake Township, including noise disturbances of both daytime and nighttime calls received from residences, and Larceny of Trump signs.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Deputy Beth Redmond gave a verbal and written report for Fire and Rescue in Bear Lake Township. She notes that they are looking for a mason to do the brick work for the bricks that were purchased to be displayed, if you know of someone please contact Beth. Deputy Redmond requested the board to approve new recruit Ralph Pat Bird pending a successful background check. Motion made to approve pending successful background check made by Jim Knight and supported by Bob Dixon, all aye motion passed.

- E. **BLTIA Report:** Sam Rahaim gave us good news, BLTIA has approved the funds to provide a gas meter for the Fire Department! BLTIA is still providing food for the Share Shack and will be providing funds to help with a permanent shack. Sam let us know the new Bear Lake Township sign is done and will be installed soon!
- F. **Hospital Report:** Bud did not attend the Hospital meeting, no update this month.
- 8. **Old Business:** There was no old business
- 9. **New Business**
 - A. **Discussion about BLT Noise Ordinance:** Bud explained to the board and the gallery why the noise ordinance was put on the agenda, and he has received several complaints himself. This was brought up as an issue last year and the Board decided it wasn't time for an ordinance. Bud pulled ordinance from other townships for the board to review. Bud also let us know we have an ordinance for road ends which includes Eleanor Bay, this could be enhanced or a new ordinance could be drafted, either would cost the township funds for our attorney to draw them up. If an ordinance was enforced and taken to court that cost would also be the responsibility of the township. The Board decided to put this on the agenda for the October meeting to have time to read comments, ordinances and to research what could be done.
- 10. **Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:**
 - A. **Supervisor –** Bud told us that the trash day was successful and Thanked Beth, Sharon, Eric and Bob for working that day when the county couldn't. Bud would like the annual SAD Hearings to be on the schedule for October 13th with Bear Lake at 6:00 and Cub Lake at 6:30 before the Township meeting at 7:00
 - B. **Treasurer –** Shirley was not in attendance
 - C. **Clerk –** Delanna let us know that the Clerk and the Treasurer had their audit on the 27th of August and they passed with flying colors! Delanna also let us know that absentee ballots will be sent out soon.
 - D. **Trustees –** Jim let us know the Bear Lake Township sign as you enter our township has been put back up. Jim had a report of gypsy moths and he checked out the situation found nothing out of the normal. He also said East Bear is almost done.
Bob told us the Bear Lake cleanup day went well, was very organized and he enjoyed working it.
- 11. **Public Input:** Marge asked why the Sheriff department was sent 2 payments for wages. Answer: One was for August and one was for September, you will not see a payment to the Sheriff in September. Sam thanked the Sheriff for the increased patrols in the area, and requested for BLTIA to place stone at the edge of the pickle ball court to keep sand off the court and reduce people slipping. Rich requested that West Bear Lake Rd get additional gravel at the edge of the road, Jim said he would call the road commission tomorrow.
- 12. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Bob Dixon and supported by Jim Knight all aye meeting adjourned at 8:30.