

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Call to Order: Bud called the meeting to order at 7:02pm with 13 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 the swapping of 6A and 9C motion to adopt the agenda was made by Knight and supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
 - A. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of Previous Meeting 8-10-2021, motion to adopt made by Dixon supported by Havens, all aye, motion passed.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
5. Public Input: Jerry from the recycling board reported that if the community doesn't stand up we may lose the recycling center soon. There is talk of selling the recycling center to GFS, dumpsters from GFS will be placed at the center soon. There is a County Commissioners meeting on 9-15-21 at 7PM, please come if you want to save the recycling center.
6. Township Reports:
 - A. Michigan Par Plan: Paul Olsen gave a verbal and written explanation of the Township's Par Plan which will cost \$24000.06. Motion to approve the Michigan Par Plan for the amount of \$24000.06 was made by Havens and supported by Dixon.
Roll Call Vote: Knight, Dixon, Banker, David, and Havens, all yes, none opposed, motion passed.
 - B. County Commissioner: Not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Sheriff Whiteford introduced Jen Lester as our new Township Deputy. Jen gave a verbal and written report for the month of August. Mr. Cutler thanked Jen for how she responded to a situation for him.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Mark Laskowski gave a verbal and written report for August for the Fire and Rescue departments. He let us know that the Chicken BBQ was a huge success and he will let us know the numbers at the next meeting. He said that Jim Bird is attending MER Class for 2 weeks. Mark brought a document to the board for approval in the form of Emergency Response 2021 Billing. He explained how Cold Springs and Excelsior Townships do not respond to calls that pertain to trees fallen on the roadway. If they do not respond to the call then Bear Lake Township is required to take the call. This document will allow Bear Lake to charge Cold Springs and Excelsior Townships fees if they do not respond. Motion to adopt the Emergency Response 2021 Billing made by Dixon supported by Knight. Roll Call Vote: Havens, Banker, Dixon, Knight, and David all yes, none opposed, motion passed.
 - E. BLTIA Report: Sam complimented Deputy Chief Beth Redmond on her outstanding job at the BLTIA Annual meeting. BLTIA will be donating \$1000.00 to the Fire Department. BLTIA will continue to support the Share Shack. Sam asked the Board if there are any projects BLTIA can help with please let them know.

7. **Hospital Report:** Bud attended the meeting, they approved some programs that were in the works. Covid19 and the Delta variant are spreading, masks are required at all times in the hospital.
8. **Old Business:** None.
9. **New Business**
 - A. **Custodial contract:** Mike Morin met with Delanna, Bud, and Mark for a risk assessment. His finding was we are at risk with our contract for the Township grounds and Custodial contract. The board talked about the contract and decided to cancel the contract and replace it with an employee status and job description. Motion to cancel the contract and replace it with an employee status and job description was made by Knight and supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
 - B. **Web Master Contract:** Sam's web master contract was up and he signed a new one.
 - C. **Assessor Report/Poverty Exemption:** Sally gave a verbal and written report for the ARM audit. She also went through the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test updates. The Board discussed the updates and the maximum value of assets. Motion to set the maximum value of assets at \$10,000.00 made by Knight and supported by Havens. Motion to approve the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test made by Havens supported by Knight. Roll Call Vote: Havens, David, Dixon, Banker, and Knight all yes, none opposed, motion passed.
 - D. **Cub Lake, Bear Lake, Bear Lane meeting dates & times:** Public Hearing dates were discussed and set for October 12th 2021, Bear Lane 3:00, Cub Lake 3:30, and Bear Lake 3:45. Motion to approve the Public Hearing dates made by Dixon and supported by Havens. Roll Call Vote: Havens David, Dixon, Banker and Knight yes, none opposed, motion passed.
10. **Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:**
 - A. **Supervisor –** Bud reminded us that the 4:00 meetings start in October. Bud discussed attorney fees for the proposed new SAD and that a check was received from Mr. Koch for \$1,000.00 to help with fees. The board discussed the controversy with accepting funds from the public to fund a proposed SAD. Bud will contact the attorney for legal advice on how to handle the check.
 - B. **Treasurer –** Shirley let us know that summer tax collection deadline was the 14th, 1% interest will be charged until March. Shirley updated us on the bank conversion to Huntington Bank, we will be able to use our current check stock with no problems.
 - C. **Clerk –** Delanna discussed budget amendments that were made in August and September, no money was added or subtracted only moved to categories that were short. Delanna's good news is that there is no November Election!
 - D. **Trustees –** Jim said 600 pieces of chicken cooked and it was a good event.
Bob let us know the Kirkland Event Center is now open including the Art Gallery.
11. **Public Input:** A public asked how SADs work and Bud explained the process.
12. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Havens and supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:02.