

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: September 8, 2026

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 9 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 in attendance.
4. Adoption of Agenda: Add (B) New Business Snowplow Contract. Knight made a motion, supported by Dixon; all ayes; motion passed.
5. Conflict of Interest: Banker(N) Redmond (N) Dannenberg(N) Knight(N) Dixon(N).
6. Adoption of CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 8-11-26: Redmond made a motion, supported by Dixon; all ayes; motion passed.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
 - D. Budget Amendments: Fire- 206-000-740 Oper. Supplies + 8000.00, 206-000-970 Capital Outlay – 8000.00.
7. Public Input: None.
8. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Dawn Kuhns was in attendance; she gave a verbal report on the new land division.
 - B. County Commissioner: Not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Farrier was in attendance. He gave a verbal and written report.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Asst. Chief Pat Bird and Lt. Sharon Pincumbe were in attendance. He gave a verbal and written report. The chicken BBQ raised almost \$20,000.00, and they thanked everyone for their support.
 - E. BLTIA Report: Sharon Pincumbe was in attendance. The ADE battery and pads are expired; they are looking into replacing them. The flagpole project will be on hold until next spring.
 - F. Hospital Report: Supervisor Banker gave a verbal report.
 - G. Kalkaska EMS: None.
 - H. COA: Cheryl was in attendance. Free flu shots will be held at the hall on Oct 13th, 12 PM to 1 PM; please bring your ID and insurance information.
9. Old Business:
 - A. None.
10. New Business:

- A. Paul Olson, Municipal Underwriters of Michigan: Paul did a review of the par plan for the township and fire department.
- B. Snowplow Contract: A motion to approve Black Creek Landscaping snowplow contract for 2026-2027, \$3,600.00 for 4 months. Knight made a motion, supported by Redmond. Roll call vote followed: Banker(Y), Redmond (Y), Dannenberg (Y), Knight (Y), Dixon (Y). Motion passed.

11. Board Members' Considerations and Correspondence:

- A. Supervisor – Banker, Resolution of Support, Support for Increased Parcel Size Minimums in Agricultural Residential and Forest Recreational in Kalkaska County Zoning District, Knight made a motion, supported by Redmond, roll call vote as follows, Banker (Y) Redmond (Y) Dannenberg (Y) Knight (Y) Dixon (Y), motion passed.
- B. Treasurer – Redmond, Summer taxes are due 9-14-26; she will be in the office 9 am to 5 pm.
- C. Clerk – Dannenberg, Public accuracy testing will be held Oct. 12th at 1:30 pm.
- D. Trustees – Knight attended a road commission meeting.

12. Public Input: None.

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dixon and supported by Dannenberg; all aye, meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.