

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Board Meeting Via Zoom

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 7:00 pm

10 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 am – Shearer
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Shearer
- III. Roll Call of Members Present – Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker, Shearer and Nichol all present.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Motion to adopt agenda by Nichol, supported by Shaw. Roll call: Nichol, Shaw, Almose, Shoemaker and Shearer all yeas; motion carried.
- V. Minutes of last meeting dated November 11, 2020 Motion by Nichol to approve the minutes of November 11, 2020 with corrections, supported by Shaw. Roll call: Nichol, Shaw, Almose, Shoemaker and Shearer all yeas; motion carried.
- VI. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
 1. Motion to pass the Tax Collection Resolutions for KPS and TBA by Almose, supported by Shoemaker. Roll Call: Almose, Shoemaker, Shaw, Shearer and Nichol all yeas; motion carried.
 2. Winter tax bills should be in the mail.
- VII. Clerks Report – Motion by Almose to pay the November 2020 expenditures in the amount of \$30,627.21, supported by Shaw. Roll Call: Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker, Shearer and Nichol all yeas; motion carried.
- VIII. Correspondence and Guests
 1. Ashley VanSloten – Community Officer
 - a. There were 10 incidents in the Township for November with property checks being the main activity for the month. The deputy logged 23 hours in the township.
- IX. Public Input - None
- X. Township Reports – written reports available in the Clerk's office
 1. Assessor's Report – Grimm
 - a. All transfers, deeds and PRE's are up to date. The new CPI (Consumer Price Index) has been received. The new CPI is 1.4% (1.014). Homes on last years tax rolls will increase by the new CPI, while homes purchased this year will be assessed at their purchased taxable value. Commercial, industrial and residential classes will receive a modest increase for 2021.
 - b. Assessing for 2021 is planned to be completed next week. The 2021 assessment roll is balanced, and new construction is being finished up in order to create the 2021 assessment roll by December 2020's end. This puts me two months ahead of schedule. As I have to address some medical issues, the two month buffer will suffice to keep the township compliant.
 - c. The December Board of Review will meet on December 15, 2020 at 1:30 pm. The state is now requiring BOR members to have continuing education hours. Motion by Shearer to appoint Tom Sawasky to the BOR, filling Lavender's vacant seat, supported by Nichol. Roll Call: Shearer, Nichol, Almose, Shaw and Shearer all yeas; motion carried.
 - d. 2021 is also an AMAR year for assessing. The exam put forth by the Treasury Department should take place in June or July.
 2. Fire Department Report – Brierley
 - a. Motion by Nichol to set the Chief's credit card limit to \$2,000 (thus increasing the

total credit card limit to \$14,500), supported by Shaw. Roll Call: Nichol, Shaw, Almose, Shoemaker and Shearer all yeas; motion carried.

- b. There were 10 fire related calls for November consisting of 4 downed trees, 3 wires down, 1 vehicle crash and 2 assisted for Coldsprings: a woods fire and a wire down. There were also 3 medical runs.
 - c. Old Business: E-dispatch is working well. Pricing is being obtained for leather fire boots and hi viz with the Great Lakes grant dollars awarded. The COVID plan is being implemented.
 - d. New Business: A rep from MES showed us specifics for the new thermal imaging camera (TIC) being considered. These are handheld devices showing heat images and temperature of given objects in a smoke-filled room. It also will assist with electrical issues like a wall socket that sparked and its temperature. We are looking into two types of turn out gear and are awaiting quotes.
 - e. Training: Department meeting/officer meeting/truck checks as well as extrication, pump operations, COVID updates, TIC operations and discuss the vehicle crash.
3. Planning Board Report – Shaw
 - a. Motion by Nichol to table discussion/decision on Zoning Ordinance wording until the February 3, 2021 board meeting, supported by Shaw. Roll Call: Nichol, Shaw, Almose, Shoemaker and Shearer all yeas; motion carried.
 4. Zoning Board of Appeals – Sawasky – No meeting
 5. Zoning Administrator – Campbell – No report
 6. Hospital Report – Nichol
 - a. Dr. Holms updated the board on the Reagent crisis. 2,200 kits arrived helping the crisis significantly. The labor pool is strained, screening is still in place. Video visits are helping but in person patient visits are still offered. Video visits are reimbursed at approximately 1/3 of an office call. KMHC is reimbursed at about 22%.
 - b. Hoping to open the Rural Health Clinic (same-day, walk-in clinic) in the next couple of weeks. New staff/physicians will be on board. This clinic is currently being used as a sick bay.
 7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker – No meeting
 - a. Still need committee members.
 - b. Need KCRC pricing for Afton Stone.

XI. Board Member Comments and Input –

1. Letter received from Ms. Youngheim regarding sanitation issues at a township residence. Campbell to address and notify the board with her findings. As she is not in attendance, Shearer will check into and work with Campbell. There are a few outstanding zoning issues needing a resolution from the ZA. County road end on Bell Ave (N Blue Lk) proceeding with researching state archives. We have 2 anonymous letters regarding encroachment complaints on Bell. Mr. Fletemier was in attendance and remarked on his experiences with encroachment on Bell Ave. ZA to measure, took pictures, and sent to our legal counsel.
2. If the ZA would like, the Treasurer's laptop can be given over to zoning.

XII. Old Business -

XIII. New Business -

XIV. Adjournment – Next meeting January 6, 2021

1. Motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm by Shoemaker, supported by Almose. Roll call vote: Shoemaker, Almose, Shaw, Shearer and Nichol all yeas; motion carried.