Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Board Meeting Via Zoom

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm

7 Present

1. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 am – Shearer
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Shearer
3. Moment of Silence for Deputy Sheriff Brian Peacock
4. Roll Call of Members Present – Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker, Shearer and Nichol all present.
5. Adoption of Agenda – Motion to adopt agenda by Shoemaker, supported by Shaw. Roll call: Shoemaker, Shaw, Almose, Nichol and Shearer all yeas; motion carried.
6. Minutes of last meeting dated December 2, 2020 Motion by Almose to approve the minutes of December 2, 2020 with corrections, supported by Shoemaker. Roll call: Almose, Shoemaker, Shaw, Nichol and Shearer all yeas; motion carried.
7. The Treasurer’s report was accepted.
   1. Treasurer presented a spreadsheet for CD interest and thanked the Clerk for its design.
8. Clerks Report – Nichol
   1. Motion by Shoemaker to pay the December 2020 expenditures in the amount of $49,494.75, supported by Almose. Roll Call: Shoemaker, Almose, Shaw, Shearer and Nichol all yeas; motion carried.
   2. The 2019/2020 FYE Audit is complete and the F-65 was timely submitted. Copies are available in the Clerk’s office and available on line at [TREASURY - Local Unit Audit Reports (michigan.gov)](https://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,4679,7-121-1751_31038---,00.html). Request Township, Kalkaska County, Blue Lake and which report.
9. Correspondence and Guests
   1. Ashley VanSloten – Community Officer
      1. There were 35 property checks in the Township for December. The deputy logged 26 hours in the township. A snowmobile accident was reported just east of Squaw Lake Rd. Deputy Hawkins’ medical leave was extended. We wish him well.
   2. Kohn Fisher – County Commissioner – not in attendance
10. Public Input - None
11. Township Reports – written reports are available in the Clerk’s office
    1. Assessor’s Report – Grimm
       1. Board of Review Meetings to hear Appeals: March 8, 2021 9 am – noon, 1 pm – 4 pm and March 10, 2021 1 pm – 4 pm, 6 pm – 9 pm.
    2. Zoning Administrator – Campbell
       1. Update: Rainey on Big Blue will move his shed in the Spring once the snow is gone.
       2. Road ends: Four remaining road ends are posted.
       3. The Township Attorney is to get back with the board on the cost to research Lakeview, Lake Court, Bell and Bedell. Besides looking into Lakeview’s designation (public beach or other) we are looking for confirmation of possession. If KCRC has possession, then this board may request it be relinquished to the township. There is a question of infringement on Bell road end and Campbell will get with KCRC to see what may be done. Mr. Fletemier has done extensive research that he avails to the township in our endeavor to come to a resolution.
       4. Kalkaska County finalized the Designated Assessor and paperwork is on file in the Clerk’s office.
    3. Fire Department Report – Brierley
       1. Three runs for the month of December, 2 medical and 1mutual aid garage fire.
       2. Old Business: All fire department volunteers and staff who wish to receive COVID vaccines were given information on how to sign up and will be eligible to receive vaccines within 24 hours. Still need to create a brochure for township residents using bullet points (pro/con) for the Fire Millage set to be voted upon in May.
       3. New Business: In the process of writing a grant with Fire House Subs for 10 new sets of fire gear. The amount requested in the grant is $24,830. We received notice of approval for a $4,935 grant from the Michigan Par Plan for front and rear cameras for our tanker. We have 6 months to complete the work then we will receive reimbursement for the costs up to the grant amount.
       4. Training: CPR class is scheduled for Monday, April 19th. Once 8 volunteers and/or staff have passed, we will have all but 2 of the 19 certified. Training for the month consisted of department meeting/officer meeting/truck checks, fire control/fire streams/fire loss control, pump operations and ice rescue on N Blue Lake.
    4. Planning Board Report – Shaw – no meeting
       1. Todd Fletmeir is interested in serving on the planning board.
    5. Zoning Board of Appeals – Sawasky – No meeting
    6. Hospital Report – Nichol – No meeting
    7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker – No meeting
       1. KCRC pricing for Afton Stone in 2019/2020 was $2,500/mile. Still waiting for current pricing for application (both sides of road). Shearer to contact Rogers for cost, in writing.
12. Board Member Comments and Input –
    1. Committee appointments to be reviewed. Clerk has previously sent to all board members. Anyone needing a new copy, contact the clerk.
13. Old Business -
14. New Business -
15. Adjournment – Next meeting February 3, 2021
    1. Motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm by Almose, supported by Shoemaker. Roll call vote: Almose, Shoemaker, Shaw, Shearer and Nichol all yeas; motion carried.