

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Township Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

15 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 pm – Shearer
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Shearer
- III. Roll Call of Officers Present: Almose, Nichol, Shaw, and Shearer present, Shoemaker absent.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Shearer - Motion to adopt agenda with change by Almose, supported by Nichol, motion carried.
- V. Minutes of last meeting – Nichol
 1. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated December 4, 2019 by Almose, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
- VI. Treasurers Report - Almose – The Treasurers’ report was accepted.
- VII. Clerks Report – Nichol
 1. Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$31,314.96. Motion to approve Clerk’s report by Shaw, supported by Almose, motion carried
- VIII. Correspondents and Guests
 1. Risk Management - Mike Moran along with Paul Olsen presented the Board a grant check for the cost of chevrons placed on fire department vehicles for high visibility. Several fire department members/volunteers were in the audience. Moran also spoke about applying for grants in the future and where to find the application. A huge thanks to Chris Almose for her work in preparing the grant documents that were approved. Moran also stated there is a free lecture coming up in Mt Pleasant on the 23rd of this month. See your inbox for information.
 2. Community Officer – Ben Hawkins
 - a. There were 14 incidents in the township for the month of December. Property checks were the main activity for the month. 22 hours in the township and 2425 miles driven in total.
 - b. Sheriff Pat Whiteford gave an update on the departments “21st Century Jump”. The jail switched over its commissary services to an automated system with benefits to both the department and inmates. The County Commissioners approved a records management system. Presently the department is on the Verizon Governmental system. They are looking to advance to the Verizon Fleet system. This will allow the Sheriff’s department to reach its goal to bring EMS units into the GPS so dispatch can better serve the public.
 - c. Motion by Nichol to sign the 2020 Law Enforcement Agreement (no increase in cost over last year), supported by Almose, motion carried.
 3. County Commissioner - Kohn Fisher, not present
- IX. Public Input – None
- X. Township Reports
 1. Assessors Report – Grimm
 - a. The Board was presented with the State Tax Commission procedural changes for the 2020 assessment year.
 - b. All transfers, deeds and PRE’s are current and recorded. The CPI is 1.9%. The 2020 assessment roll is in process and should have it completed by early February and tuned into the Equalization office. Once the Director balances the rolls, I will

have them printed and mailed.

c. The Board of Review will be held on 3/3/2020 for its Organizational Meeting and on March 9, 2020 from 9 - Noon and 1 - 4 pm and again on March 11, 2020 from 1 - 4 and 6 - 9 pm to hear from the public.

d. The full report and guidelines are available in the Clerk's office.

2. Fire Department Report – Barr - Brierley

a. Three fire related and three Emergency medical runs for December. The year to date total is 62 runs which is a little above average.

b. Normal training schedule was accomplished with Brierley taking the lead.

c. Brierley continues learning the ropes. Both he and I met with director of safety for Lambda Oil Field Services (formerly Merit Oil) and we will meet with TransCanada later this winter.

d. Our Christmas party was a great success. It was nice to need more tables and chairs than in prior years!

e. Brierley worked on getting new jackets in order to follow rules/regulations. We will be more visible, and they will help identify us and our volunteers as Blue Lake Fire Department members. New helmet fronts identifying us as Blue Lake Township Fire Department has been implemented as well.

f. Three portable radios were donated to us by the Milan Fire Department. These radios have a cost of \$1,700 each. A **huge** thank you to Milan FD. Brierley will also send a thank you letter expressing our sincere appreciation.

g. Brierley submitted a report from the committee formed to begin the journey of planning to set the course of the organization for the next three years. The full report is available in the Clerk's office.

3. Planning Board Report – no meeting

4. Zoning Board of Appeals – no meeting

5. Zoning Administrator – Campbell

a. One permit was requested in December. The property needs to be staked.

6. Hospital Report – Lavender

a. A V.P. of nursing was hired.

b. Lavender submitted his resignation from the Hospital Rep/Liaison position as he and his wife are moving out west.

c. Talking points were not yet available.

7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker - Shearer will attend the February meeting

XI. Board Member Comments and Input

1. Letter from Kalkaska Township Community Park. (tabled until January)

2. Shoemaker will be absent from the January and February 2020 Board Meetings.

3. Shearer: The transportation board has states it now has six propane buses.

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

XIV. Adjournment – Next meeting February 5, 2020

1. Motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm by Shaw, supported by Almose, motion carried.