

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Township Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

13 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, Shearer, Shoemaker all present.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Shearer - Motion to adopt agenda with change by Nichol, supported by Almose, motion carried.
- V. Minutes of last meeting – Nichol
 1. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated February 5, 2020 by Shaw, supported by Almose, motion carried.
- VI. Treasurers Report - Almose – The Treasurers' report was accepted.
 1. 44 Summer/110 Winter unpaid tax bills. Local Stabilization payment takes the place of personal property that the State no longer pays.
 2. Motion by Almose to move the Winter Tax postmark date to the last day of February, if the last day is a weekend, then the following Monday will be the accepted postmark date, (otherwise taxes will be deemed late and will need to be sent to the County for processing) supported by Shaw, motion carried.
- VII. Clerks Report – Nichol
 1. Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$26,982.42. Motion to approve Clerk's report by Almose, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.
- VIII. Correspondents and Guests
 1. Community Officer – Ben Hawkins with Undersheriff Wagner
 - a. Wagner: New systems will be coming in the next year. The jail/records had a new system installed this past summer. They are expecting a subsidy from Motorola.
 - b. Hawkins: There were 13 incidents in the township for the month of February. Patrol was the main activity for the month. 15.25 hours in the township and 1588 miles driven in total.
 2. County Clerk - Deb Hill
 - a. Thanked Shearer for attending the Supervisors meeting. Discussed the cyber issues the county experienced. Emailed FOIA and election requests are being highly scrutinized. Regarding election costs, the Clerk is looking into apportionment and will report her findings.
 3. County Commissioner - Kohn Fisher (KCBOC)
 - a. The BOC has an agreement with 4H for Archery in the Civic Center and Firearm Accuracy Classes. Some fixes to the Civic Center have been accomplished but more still needs to be done.
 - b. KMHC is working with the Kaliseum for community health. Kevin Rogals (KMHC President) is developing a business plan.
 - c. There was an article in the paper about a FOIA requests for Septage, clarification by Fisher who states there was a charge for the FOIA and the requester wanted it for free. The request was not denied, the requester refused to pay the fee.
 - d. KCBOC resolution stating not in support of borrowing \$3.5 Billion to repair roads and bridges over the next 5 years was sent to the Governor.
- IX. Public Input – None

X. Township Reports

1. Zoning Administrator - Campbell
 - a. 1 permit and 3 violations issued in February.
 - b. Requested the Board and/or PB look at language on late fees. Take out the word "may" in the area unauthorized tree removal and on the fee schedule.
 - c. Will create a list of violations just like the permit list.
2. Assessors Report – Grimm
 - a. The Board of Review will be held 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.
 - b. All PRE's, transfers and deeds are up to date.
 - c. The full report is available in the Clerk's office.
3. Fire Department Report – Barr - Brierley
 - a. Mutual aid with Station 6 - truck v tanker and CO2 alarm
 - b. Drivers training class on 3/14
 - c. New business: E-dispatch (back up system and calls go to phones) Texts can be sent then the Chief will know who will attend.
 - d. Dickens and Brierley were asked to meet with KC Ambulance Service.
 - e. The full report is available in the Clerk's office.
4. Planning Board Report – Shaw
 - a. Reviewed and approved an application for rezoning. Reviewed the Bear Lake fireworks ordinance.
 - b. Next meeting, they will look to what the PB will address next year.
 - c. Motion by Almose to approve 4 changes to the wording in the Zoning Ordinance, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried. Changes: 1. Ordinary high water mark (insert of picture and wording) 2. Wall height measurement clarification 3. Road right of way/easement definition 4. Maximum height of assessor building measured from floor to peak (deleted side wall).
5. Zoning Board of Appeals – no meeting
6. Hospital Report – Nichol
 - a. Jeremy Cannon hired as Chief Nursing Officer.
 - b. SWOT (strength, weakness, opportunity, threat) analysis underwent prioritization process over the past month. Next step: strategic planning.
 - c. Several cases of influenza. Hand washing is most effective to prevent its spread.
 - d. Moving ahead with collaborative business plan to investigate the Kaliseum as a multi-generational center focusing on improving health and wellness.
 - e. Sharps disposal dates/times: 6/10 2-4 pm, 9/16 1:30-3:30 pm 12/2 1:30-3:30 pm.
 - f. Munson working on e-visit platform. Otsego Memorial Foundation merged with MHF
 - g. Talking points are available in the Clerk's office.

XI. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker - Shearer

- a. No changes in the 5-year plan.
- b. Semi-tractor at a cost of \$150,000 was purchased.

XII. Board Member Comments and Input

1. Shoemaker suggested the Loon as the Township's symbol. Shearer and Nichol wanted the Sun (as is on the hall sign and the website). No action taken.
2. Volunteer needed to care for Township Hall flag. Shearer will take on this responsibility.

XIII. Old Business

XIV. New Business

1. Special Meeting March 18, 2020 at 10 am for the purpose of discussing local road millage.
***This meeting did not take place due to COVID-19**

XV. Adjournment – Next meeting April 1, 2020

1. Motion to adjourn at 9:38 pm by Shearer, supported by Shaw, motion carried.