

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Township Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

10 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 and Shoemaker all present.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Shearer - Motion to adopt agenda with change by Almose, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.
- V. Moment of Silence in Remembrance of one of our own, Karen David. Retired: EMT and Volunteer Firefighter, Deputy Clerk and Friend.
- VI. Minutes of last meeting – Nichol
 1. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated October 2, 2019 by Shaw, supported by Almose, motion carried.
- VII. Treasurers Report - Almose – The Treasurers' report was accepted.
- VIII. Trash Pick Up Bids - only one bid was received. Motion by Almose to approve the three-year bid commencing January 2020 from American Waste at a cost of \$68,000 - \$70,000 - \$72,000 annually, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
- IX. Clerks Report – Nichol
 1. Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$32,336.04. Motion to approve Clerk's report by Almose, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
 2. BS&A Quote - Motion by Almose to accept the BS&A quote in the amount of \$22,315 for GL/Budgeting, P/R, A/P, C/R with training and one year support at no extra charge, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
- X. Public Input - None
- XI. Correspondents and Guests
 1. Community Officer - Ben Hawkins
 - a. There were 9 incidents in the township for the month of October. Patrol and property checks were the main activity for the month with ORV patrol ongoing. 13.5 hours (3 weeks) in the township and 2207 miles driven in total.
 - b. The ORV season has now ended and will resume in 2020.
 - c. Re-sign the 2019 Law Enforcement Contract due to error on end date.
 2. County Commissioner - Kohn Fisher
 - a. The Planning Commission approved a cell tower on 571 just down from Camp Tanuga. It will be 200' high and erected on private property. It is reported that Verizon will be the first on the tower.
 - b. Working on the next fiscal years budget. As it stands now: \$7.4 mil in expenses with \$7.3 mil in revenues. The \$100,000 shortfall is what is being tackled at this time. They will ask from the Sheriff \$400,000. This is a hard ask as the dispatch system is 30 years old and it cannot handle Windows 10.
 - c. An "about face" was done with regard to the DHD#10 Septic issue. Fisher states the County will keep the current rules just as they have always been.
 - d. There has been a second meeting of the Kaliseum Board. They are working on what can be done.
- XII. Township Reports
 1. Assessors Report – Grimm

- a. December 10, 2019 at 1:30 pm Board of Review
 - b. For the month of October, all transfers, deeds and PRE's are up to date and recorded. The assessment roll has been transmitted to the Equalization Department for the printing of tax bills. One more trip in the field is needed to finish up the 2019 construction projects.
 - c. There is a change in the land split/combination process. A Tax Certification form will now need to be completed by all applicants and delivered to the County Treasurer so they can certify taxes are paid on the parcels.
 - d. The full report is available in the Clerk's office.
2. Fire Department Report – Barr
- a. Two fire related and five medical runs for October.
 - b. Normal training schedule was accomplished with emphasis on pump operations.
 - c. Assistant Chief Randy Dickens was honored by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in recognition for his achievement as an EMT. High praise as this special recognition goes to the likes of doctors, nurses, paramedics and medical technicians. The Board and audience were extremely proud of this special recognition and let it be known. Congratulations Randy, outstanding job!
 - d. Chief Bob Barr will be retiring as chief soon. He has been with the fire department for 37 years with 30 of those years being Chief. The Chief proposes the board hire Greg Brierley as Fire Chief-in-training at a salary of \$9,000 per year and transition to Greg as Fire Chief no later than mid-year 2020. Motion by Shearer to hire Greg Brierley as Fire Chief-in-training at a salary of \$9,000 per year starting immediately, supported by Almose, motion carried.
 - e. 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. Motion by Almose to adopt the Zoning Policy, supported by Shearer, motion carried.
 - b. Two permits were issued in October.
6. Hospital Report – Lavender
- a. No talking points as the entire meeting was regarding by-laws.
7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker
- a. Not much happening in our township currently. The road steer is being used on seasonal roads.
 - b. Discussion regarding trees on Blue Lake Road.

XIII. Board Member Comments and Input

- 1. Our new website will be up and running within the next couple of weeks.

XIV. Old Business

XV. New Business

- 1. Motion by Almose to reschedule the January 2020 board meeting until the 2nd Wednesday, January 8, 2020 due to the New Year holiday, supported by Nichol, motion carried.
- 2. Motion by Almose to accept the Northern Lakes Services quote for a new boiler with on demand water heater and a nest thermostat for a cost of \$9,306.92 supported by Shearer, motion carried.

XVI. Adjournment – Next meeting January 8, 2020

- 1. Motion to adjourn at 9 pm by Shaw, supported by Almose, motion carried.