

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

8 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Shearer – Moment of silence for Pearl Harbor Day
- III. Roll Call of Board Members – Almose, Shearer, Shoemaker, and Nichol present, Shaw absent.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – **Motion** to adopt agenda by Almose with additions (#6 and & under old business), supported by Shaw. Motion carried.
- V. Call for Conflict – Shearer – Roll call, Almose, Nichol, Shoemaker, and Shearer all stated no conflict of interest.
- VI. Minutes of last meeting – Hold over November 2 minutes, Clerk wishes to add more from last hour of meeting concerning FD. **Motion** by Almose to accept the October 20, 2022 minutes with changes, supported by Shoemaker. Motion carried.
- VII. The Treasurer’s report was accepted. **Motion** by Almose to approve the Northwest Education Services tax levy for 2023, supported by Nichol. Roll Call: Almose, Nichol, Shearer, and Shoemaker all yeas. Motion carried.
- VIII. Clerks Report – Nichol
 1. **Motion** by Almose to pay the December 2022 expenditures in the amount of \$40,371.42 supported by Shoemaker. Roll Call: Almose, Shoemaker, Shearer, and Nichol all yeas. Motion carried.
- IX. Correspondence and Guests
 1. Pat Whiteford – Sheriff – Year end update: continue with lock up at the jail. Break even is 35. Will look at hard numbers as it costs less to house out vs hire four needed. Wage negotiations are ongoing with the possibility of finalizing this week. Training: crisis intervention and suicide crisis training for teachers. Pupil entry training for active shooters. Would like to ramp up department training for active shooter using the school as they will be closed over the upcoming holiday. Incorporate a transit that comes with software to be used in accident investigations.
 2. Jennifer Lister – Community Officer – there were 11 incidents in the township for November.
 3. Kohn Fisher – County Commissioner - Not present
- X. Public Input – None
- XI. Township Reports – written reports are available in the Clerk’s office.
 1. Assessor’s Report – Sheneman –
 - a. For the months of November: 0 homestead granted, 0 denials, 8 deeds, 0 transfers, 1 death certificate, 0 GLE electrical easements and 0 DTE easements.
 - b. As expected, all taxable values in the State will increase by 5%. The CPI was at 7.9% when the taxable value increase was announced.
 2. Fire Department Report – Brierley
 - a. 9 runs for the month of November; 4 fire related, and 5 medical runs. We had 1 mutual aid call for Coldsprings: roll over accident.
 - b. Old Business: Talked more about getting the grant written for air packs for every department at the Chief’s meeting. Station 7 & 8 were the only departments to respond back with necessary grant writer needs. Time has run out to write this grant for this year. We will work with our 3 departments and a couple from Crawford County to write this grant for early next year. Top Notch completed the work at the

fire station. SBCA bottles: the officers met and decided we would go ahead with the purchase of SCBA bottles with the KC ARPA funds. This board ok'd \$10,000 but since we are still looking into applying for grant dollars we will request 8 bottles/valves for \$6,360, Dalmatian Fire quote is attached. We would like to put in new lighting in the upper barn with leftover dollars. Kuhns Electrical quote for \$2060 is attached. The board agreed.

- c. New Business: In the officer's meeting we talked about our old ice rescue suites. We wish to purchase four new ice rescue suites using budgeted dollars of \$2,500. I will be making up one day in December as I worked 16 of 17 in November due to ongoing family medical issues.
 - d. Training: Training for the month consisted of run discussion/medical, medical CEU's with Donna Brown, run review/truck checks/Pulsara app, haz mat review/medical block pressures.
 - e. Truck/Equipment maintenance: Working to get the garage door opener remote control to work for Tanker.
3. Planning Board Report - Shaw
 - a. Shoemaker questioning "Incidental" definition: accompanying but not a major part of something. As it pertains to Home Based Business. Also questioned what about employees? Shaw: That piece had not changed. Working on Kennels, non-conforming, and our 5-year plan. The first two should be wrapped up for our next meeting but the 5-year will take another meeting or two.
 4. Zoning Board of Appeals – Buttermore - no meeting
 5. Zoning Administrator – Campbell
 - a. Violation on East St: clean up to start/settled insurance claim. Complaints: chickens, no chickens seen and neighbor confirms no chickens. Short term rental listing handed out.
 - b. Jonna Schuhart recommendation for ZA, see resume. Motion by Nichol to hire by January 1, supported by Shearer. Nichol, Shearer yea, Almose, Shoemaker no. Motion did not carry.
 6. Hospital Report – Nichol
 - a. KMHC Acute Care Pavilion update – on time (wind may have us a few days behind schedule) under budget. Talking points available in the Clerk's office.
 7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker
 - a. One open position on the board and one just filled.
 - b. One call on log for pothole and they are filled. Corner of Twin Lake and Sunset.

XII. Board Member Comments and Input

XIII. Old Business –

1. Shearer to put wanted ZA add in newspaper to be due back to twp on 12/30 at which time interview will be conducted.
2. Final KC ARPA fund decision. Natural Gas hook up/furnaces: \$14,485; 4-Ice rescue suits \$2,500; LED lighting pole barn \$2,067; 8 New cylinders w/valves \$7,000; totaling \$26,052 of which we are responsible for \$1,052.

XIV. New Business –

1. Discuss GFR bid. **Motion** by Almose to accept the GFL 3-year bid for \$105,000 (21% increase) for 2023; \$108,156 for 2024; \$111,396 for 2025 (3% increase for years 2 & 3), supported by Shearer. Roll call: Almose, Shearer, Shoemaker, and Nichol all yeas. Motion carried. GFL is the only bid received.
2. 2023 Twp Bd meeting calendar: All months are the 1st Wednesday except July's meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday (July 12 at 7:00 pm) and August is the first Saturday (August 5 at 10:00 am).

XV. Adjournment – Next meeting January 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm

1. **Motion** to adjourn at 8:51 pm by Shoemaker, supported by Shearer, motion carried.