

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Special Board Meeting
Township Hall and via Zoom

Wednesday April 30, 2025

7 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 9:00 am by Fletemier
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Roll Call of Board Members – Brozovich, Fletemier, Almose, Shoemaker, and Nichol all present.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – **Motion** to adopt agenda by Nichol, supported by Almose. Motion carried.
- V. Conflict of Interest – Fletemier
 1. Brozovich, Fletemier, Almose, Shoemaker, and Nichol all answered no in roll call.
- VI. Public Comment – None
- VII. New Special Business
 1. Computer Purchase Review and Decision.
 - a. The Trustee's were asked if they wanted laptops and each responded yes. The Anavon Spec sheet indicated I5 Laptops and I3 Desktops designed with 32 gb of RAM. Fletemier: Migration to Microsoft will be after new laptops/desktops are purchased.
 - b. Fletemier: In the interest of time, the decision will be moved to next Wednesday's regular meeting (May 7, 2025).
 2. Budget Workshop
 - a. The Board began with the Fire Fund Expenditures. Going through the line items (wages being put to the end). The Chief was asked questions to support the 2025/2026 requested budget with minor changes made to the Professional Svc line item and to round up Capital Outley. Nichol will add an 818.001 account number for computer expenditures (ex: Anavon charges) and this will need to be created in the General Fund as well. Projects for FYE 26 were discussed as well as equipment replacement plans. Nichol to investigate a possible Equipment Replacement Fund as an option. Salaries for FY 2025-2026 were discussed. **Motion** by Fletemier to pay the Fire Chief \$23,000 plus runs at \$25/hour and mileage for out of Township business. Supported by Brozovich. Roll call: Brozovich, Shoemaker, Almose, Nichol, and Fletemier all yes. Motion Carried. Discussing the Captain and Lieutenant (Lt) salary, the Chief stated each of these positions will be required to take on 2 additional tasks. At this time the Capitan will be in charge of SCBA and Small Engines and one Lt will be in charge of Building Equipment and Fire Trucks with Shoemaker's additional tasks to be determined. Additional tasks will be finalized before the start of FYE 2026. **Motion** by Fletemier to recuse Shoemaker from voting on Lt salary, supported by Brozovich. Motion carried. **Motion** by Nichol to set the salary of the Captain(s) at \$2,500 and set the salary of Lieutenant(s) at \$2,250, supported by Brozovich. Roll call: Nichol, Fletemier, Brozovich, and Almose yes. Motion carried. **Motion** by Fletemier to recuse Almose from voting on the Assistant Chief's salary, supported by Brozovich. Motion Carried. **Motion** by Fletemier to pay the Assistant Chief a salary of \$9,500, supported by Shoemaker. Roll call: Shoemaker, Brozovich, and Fletemier all yes, Nichol no. Motion carried. Schedule another workshop to finish up the rest of the budget on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 9:00 am.

VIII. Board Member Comment and Input – None

IX. Adjournment – Next meeting: Regular Board Mtg 5/7/2025

1. **Motion** to adjourn at 12:33 pm by Shoemaker, supported by Nichol, motion carried.