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Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

8 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 pm by Shaw.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Roll Call of Board Members – Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker, and Nichol present, Shearer absent.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – **Motion** to adopt agenda by Shoemaker, supported by Almose. Motion carried.
- V. Conflict of Interest – Roll call vote: Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker, and Nichol all no.
- VI. Minutes of last meeting – **Motion** by Shaw to accept the June 5, 2024 minutes, supported by Shoemaker. Motion carried.
- VII. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
 1. Had a few issues with the tax bills, the Assessor is taking care of them.
- VIII. Clerks Report –
 1. **Motion** by Almose to pay the July expenditures in the amount of \$145,688.42 supported by Shoemaker. Roll Call: Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker, and Nichol all yea. Motion carried.
 2. Reminder: August 6. 2024 Primary election coming up – 9 days early voting begin 7/27 8 am to 4 pm each of the 9 days.
- IX. Correspondence and Guests
 1. Community Officer - Ray Farrier reviewed his monthly report containing 7 incidents and answered questions.
 2. Kohn Fisher – County Commissioner not present
- X. Public Input – County Treasurer Candidate – Gaynell Gentelia: spoke of who she is, her experience, community involvement, and why she is running. She shared her passion about the community, goals of giving back to citizens, help tackle some of the major projects and be part of the solutions including finding funding for these projects. Ms. Anderson spoke about a correspondence received by the board; she wanted to let everyone know she is available to discuss any disagreements as well as questions.
- XI. Township Reports – written reports are available in the Clerk's office.
 1. Assessor's Report – Sheneman
 - a. For the month of June: 7 deeds, 2 death certificates, 2 surveys, 1 electrical easement, and 1 PRE rescind. Provided copies of SOM, Dept of Treasury Bulletin 2 which provides Assessors guidance regarding the inspection of property, a February 19, 2025 memo from the Executive Director regarding Annual Inspection of Property Policy, State Tax Commission August 2010 Tip regarding trespass. The court finding was that it is not trespass but offered advice as to how to address such situations. Lastly, BLT Assessor letter to property owners they have been selected as part of the 20%/year parcel rule, leaving his cell number for those with questions or concerns.
 - b. Board of Review meeting – Tuesday, July 16 at 10 am.
 2. Fire Department – Brierley
 - a. 6 runs: 2 medical and 4 fire related (trees and wires down). 1 mutual aid call to Coldsprings – cancelled.
 - b. The Argo sold for \$9,500. The check was received and deposited. The title was signed and sent to the new owner.

- c. Officers met and determined they need more time to discuss salaries for levels of fire fighters.
 - d. It is time for our parking lot to be resurfaced. 2 bids received. **Motion** by Nichol to accept the bid from Gaylord Seal Coating in the estimated amount of \$3,394.60, supported by Shoemaker. Roll call: Nichol, Shoemaker, Almose, and Shaw all yea, motion carried.
 - e. Training for the month: Truck checks, pump operations, Helicopter landing zone class with Station 6 and Aero Med. Coast Guard – training over our lakes.
 - f. Truck/Equipment maintenance: zero
- 3. Planning Board Report – Shaw
 - a. Next meeting will be a regular and public hearing meeting on August 17th at 9 am.
 - 4. Zoning Board of Appeals – Buttermore - no meetings
 - 5. Zoning Administrator – Anderson
 - a. STR 37 on file. Anderson will send her report to the clerk.
 - 6. Hospital Report – Nichol
 - a. The KMHC Board of Trustees are continuing due diligence on Non Profit. 2024-2025 budget was passed.
 - b. Lawsuit update: at the Rule 16 Scheduling Conference held in Federal Court on June 25, 8 of the 11 counts were Dismissed Without Prejudice.
 - 7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker – next meeting 8/14/24
 - a. 2 checks, no shoulder work. Hold check until next meeting to confirm shoulder work.

XII. Board Member Comments and Input

XIII. New Business

- 1. Dykema (DTE Truststream) franchise agreement request. Will send to attorney.

XIV. Old Business

- 1. Township remodel: No update
- 2. Pension Update: Payouts are trickling in.

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

- 1. **Motion** to adjourn at 8:30 pm by Nichol, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.