

# Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

## Minutes

Board Meeting

August 10, 2024

19 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 Shaw, supported by Almose. Motion carried.
- V. Conflict of Interest – Roll call vote: Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker, Shearer, and Nichol all no.
- VI. Minutes of last meeting – **Motion** by Shaw to accept the July 10, 2024 minutes, supported by Shoemaker. Motion carried.
- VII. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
  1. The tax account had two \$15 fees to be returned. The fee was returned but the bank charged us again. Another call will be placed requesting the return of the fee. We did get an increased interest rate on both the Tax and Pooled accounts (up to 1.7%, doubled).
- VIII. Clerks Report –
  1. **Motion** by Shaw to pay the Augst expenditures in the amount of \$25,442.53 supported by Almose. Roll Call: Shaw, Almose, Shoemaker, and Nichol all yea. Motion carried.
  2. Reminder: Shaw states copies of the CC bill not sent. Clerk will remind deputy to make sure this invoice is placed in the appropriate mail slots monthly. Clerk made copies of the invoice and passed out to Board members. Board members are reminded all bills are available to be previewed on any given Tuesday.
- IX. Correspondence and Guests
  1. Community Officer - Ray Farrier – unable to attend. Shearer reviewed the monthly report containing 10 incidents which include the 2 liquor inspections.
  2. Kohn Fisher – County Commissioner not present
- X. Public Input – Queston regarding trash pickup, large items. Shearer contacted GFL regarding our contract with GFL with regard to large items. 4 stickers per year with up to that amount being able to be picked up. It appears some of the workers are using GFL's new policy of picking up only one large item at a time and those workers keep track of how many items they have picked up within the year. Shearer will make another contact to verify workers have been reminded of large items within our contract. Mr. VanRiper of Starvation Lk: noticed June 23 shoreline was being dug up. Hendricks from the county came out to mitigate. He may also fill out a complaint form for zoning so the Zoning Administrator can go out and see if there is a greenbelt violation. It appears no permits were issued by EGLE. J Newberry read her email to the board as it was not read at our last meeting. Anderson responded to said email with her written remarks.
- XI. Township Reports – written reports are available in the Clerk's office.
  1. Assessor's Report – Sheneman
    - a. For the month of July: 5 deeds, 4 death certificates, 1 survey, 0 electrical easement, and 2 PRE questionnaires. or concerns.
    - b. Board of Review meeting – Tuesday, July 16 at 10 am.
  2. Fire Department – Brierley
    - a. 12 runs: 8 medical and 4 fire related. 2 mutual aid calls to Coldsprings. Both were car crashes. 1 mutual aid to Bear Lake for a gas smell.
    - b. Officers continue salary discussion for levels of fire fighters.
    - c. Parking lot to be resurfaced next week.

- d. Still waiting for Par Plan grant cameras to be delivered to CSI.
- e. Three of the new firefighters have taken the 8 hr classroom portion of VFIS driving class, will go through the truck rodeo on August 13<sup>th</sup> and once completed, will earn their Michigan Fire Training Council Certificate. They must put in 10 hours of seat time in the fire trucks before they can start driving. Medical 1<sup>st</sup> responder class is set up for September for our firefighters needing MFR license. Firefighter 1 & 2 with Hazmat begins in November for our firefighters needing to be certified.
- f. Working with DTE to put on a larger gas meter at the fire station (a smaller one was originally installed).
- g. Training for the month: Truck checks, pump operations, go over all equipment on the tanker, and communications.
- h. Truck/Equipment maintenance: zero
- 3. Planning Board Report – Shaw
  - a. Next meeting will be a regular and public hearing meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.
- 4. Zoning Board of Appeals – Buttermore - no meetings
- 5. Zoning Administrator – Anderson
  - a. Mr. Pate of Starvation Lk gave me information on the Elgin System designed for limited space for septic systems. Very helpful information. Nuisance complaints: 2 noise – referred to Sheriff Department as this is their jurisdiction. Beach improvement Starvation Lake without necessary permits, blight complaint off Blue Lk Rd, Construction retaining wall in green belt; issues are being worked through. Construction without permits is resolved. Lastly, Blue Lk Rd house raising to correct foundation: not a township issue as no land change, the owner obtained a permit from the county.
- 6. Hospital Report – Nichol
  - a. In-depth financials with graphs, FYE Capital budget update, Scorecard, draft Not for profit bylaws post legal review, update on new Governance committee.
  - b. At the 8/8/24 Special KMHC Board meeting, the Trustees voted to put the Not-for-Profit question to the voters on the November State General ballot. Various communiques are being worked on to get more information to the public.
- 7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker – next meeting 8/14/24
  - a. 2 checks for ½ contract amounts to be sent. Birch Drive shoulder work complete and awaiting the county paid chip/seal.
- XII.** Board Member Comments and Input – The board agreed to have a written generator maintenance program and signed the paperwork (cost remains \$265 annually).
- XIII.** New Business
  - 1. Dykema (DTE Truststream) franchise agreement request. Will send to attorney.
- XIV.** Old Business
  - 1. Township remodel: Bid specs sent by Carter Lumber to Shearer, and it appears to be more of a vender quote. Discussion around what bid specs should entail. A special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 22 at 10 am at the hall to discuss and possible approval of kitchen remodel bid specs.
  - 2. Attorney Letter: KCSAS after reviewing the attorney letter the board chose to have an appraiser. Discussion surrounded the KCSAS' request to buy vs lease. Pros/Cons discussed. Deed restrictions, sales restrictions discussed.
  - 3. Pension Update: Payouts are trickling in. Nichol and Campbell still outstanding.
- XV.** Adjournment – Next meeting September 4, at 7:00 pm
  - 1. **Motion** to adjourn at 9:15 pm by Shaw, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.