

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Board Meeting

November 13, 2024

9 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 pm by Shearer
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Moment of Silence for the passing of Chuck Pope, KCSAS
- IV. Roll Call of Board Members – Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker, Shearer, and Nichol present.
- V. Adoption of Agenda – **Motion** to adopt agenda by Shaw, supported by Shearer. Motion carried.
- VI. Conflict of Interest – Roll call vote: Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker, Shearer, and Nichol all no.
- VII. Minutes of last meeting – **Motion** by Shaw to accept the October 4, 2024 minutes supported by Shearer. Motion carried.
- VIII. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
 1. Motion by Nichol to sign the Tax Collection Agreements from NW ED and Kalkaska Public Schools, supported by Shearer. Motion carried.
 2. SOM Presidential Primary (February 2024 Election) reimbursement check received.
 3. Winter taxes have yet to be received; one township failed to get their paperwork to Equalization. Newsletter is almost finished (which accompanies the Winter tax bills).
- IX. Clerks Report –
 1. **Motion** by Shearer to pay the October expenditures in the amount of \$37,392.83 supported by Shaw. Roll Call: Shaw, Shoemaker, Almose, Shearer, and Nichol all yea. Motion carried.
 2. Audit begins.
- X. Correspondence and Guests
 1. Community Officer - Ray Farrier –The monthly report containing 10 incidents which includes the 2 liquor inspections. Please consider speaking to neighbors as the holidays can be a lonely time for people on their own. Do what you can for those people on their own. Receiving some property check requests-please submit them if you have need.
 2. Kohn Fisher – County Commissioner not present
- XI. Public Input – Brozovich thanked Shearer and Shaw for their years of public service. Randy Lucyk from Kalkaska Substance Free Coalition asked if BLT would like a refurbished newspaper box filled with boxes of Naloxone to be placed outside the township hall (or where the board deems would do the most good). Lucyk spoke about the program and left a handout. They have received a SOM grant allowing them to provide the containers and drug. He asks the board to consider this in Decembers meeting and he will come back for the January meeting to see what our decision is.
- XII. Township Reports – written reports are available in the Clerk's office.
 1. Assessor's Report – Sheneman
 - a. For the month of October: 6 deeds, 1 death certificate, 0 surveys, 2 electrical easements, and 0 PRE requests, 0 PRE rescinds. Rode the township to find 1 shed in the middle of nowhere, 1 construction project without a permit. Assessor forwarded that information to ZA.
 - b. Our attorney sent back the updated land division split. These splits must be recorded within 90 days. **Motion** by Shearer to pass the newly updated Land Division Split Ordinance, supported by Nichol. Roll call vote: Shearer, Nichol, Shoemaker, Shaw, and Almost all yea. Ordinance passed.
 - c. ANR was found to have taxable values from 2022 and 2023 of \$33,531,450. Assessor working with ANR on form L-4155 stating they underpaid the township.

ANR files this form with the STC and the STC will rule on the form yes or no. The 2024 taxes has been paid with the proper amounts being billed.

2. Zoning Administrator – Anderson
 - a. 1 new permit and 1 violation for October. Still working on open permits from prior zoning administration(s).
 - b. Reminder: Winter hours for ZA are Dec - March 10 am – 2 pm Wednesdays with weekends by appointment.
 - c. STR listing is being worked on by ZA for those requesting a list. Those with existing STR's were sent out paperwork to continue with licensing for the 2025 year. Nichol requests someone on the board take up the mantle of transparency for STR. Shaw states this should fall to the incoming supervisor, Todd Fletemier as this board has not yet voted on proposed zoning ordinance changes regarding STR's.
3. Fire Department – Brierley
 - a. 14 runs: 6 medical and 8 fire related. 3 mutual aid calls to Coldsprings. 1 mutual aid call to Kankaska County for standby, all Kankaska Departments out on fire.
 - b. Pam, Jeff, Todd, and Troy completed Medical 1st Responder class. Jeff and Jake are in their second month of Firefighter 1 & 2 with Haz Mat. Pam and Jeff have passed the National Registry class and are state licensed MFR's. Todd and Troy will take that test soon.
 - c. Discussions with local fire departments regarding how process of purchasing new apparatuses, including how they get their funding. Each has an equipment millage which allows them to plan for future purchases. I encourage this board to investigate in what manner any refund of KMHC tax monies (under ACT 47 rules) may be spent. If allowable, consider the purchase of a new fire engine.
 - d. The fire department wishes to thank Starvation Lake Corner store for donating 500 individually wrapped bags of candy for Halloween. Our department joins other departments in the county handing out candy in the village of Kankaska each year.
 - e. Training: Truck checks, replanning, ground ladders, and EMS scenarios.
 - f. Truck/Equipment maintenance: all trucks had their annual preventative maintenance service and passed DOT inspection. The rescue has a very small fuel leak and will need to be sent to Fick & Sons garage for repair.
 - g. Old Business: Sale of boat: Spring 2025.
4. Planning Board Report – Shaw
 - a. STR package will be sent to the board for action in December or January.
 - b. PB spoke with KCSAS, we should be updated on that conversation at the December meeting.
5. Zoning Board of Appeals – Buttermore - no meetings
6. Hospital Report – Nichol (no November meeting – next meeting 12/3/24)
 - a. The KMHC proposal passed in every township. KMHC will now begin its transition from ACT47 not for profit to 501c3 not for profit. It will take some time to accomplish, estimates are several months to 18 months. In the meantime, KMHC will continue to conduct business under the ACT47 rules.
7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker – next meeting 9/11/24 at 9 am
 - a. Use 23 gravel on Eagle Ln, Eagle Lk Dr due to low ATV/Snowmobile travel? Put to December.
 - b. KCSAS discussing giving I-Pads to board members and possible for the township representative.
 - c. Looking for new members to serve on the Road Committee, perhaps put into the Newsletter.

XIII. Board Member Comments and Input –

1. Nichol – awaiting email from Waste Management on bidding trash pickup (Rachael).

XIV. Old Business

1. Garbage stickers – have not yet received them.
2. Kitchen – new special meeting date and time? Vendor direct payment (flooring, cabinetry, countertops)? Pick appliances? Majority of board members wanted to wait for new board members.
3. KCSAS – December meeting when new board members are present.

XV. New Business

1. Shearer - Township control of 25 mph speed limit under HB 4012 modifying MCL 257.628. **Motion** by Shearer to sign Resolution 11132024 requesting KCRC to take action to lower the speed limits on roads as indicated on the attached Blue Lake Township zoning map in light and dark orange (residential and lake front residential). Supported by Nichol. Roll call: Shearer, Nichol, Shaw, and Almose all yeas, Shoemaker no. Resolution passed. Per Shearer, this resolution goes back to the attorney (amend wording if necessary) who will forward it to the KCRC. This resolutions in pro-active, contingent upon the signing by the Governor.

XVI. Adjournment – Next meeting December 4, at 7:00 pm

1. **Motion** to adjourn at 8:56 pm by Shaw, supported by Shearer, motion carried.