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# Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

## Minutes

Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

8 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Shaw
- III. Roll Call of Board Members – Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker present. Nichol and Shearer absent.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – **Motion** to adopt agenda by Almose, supported by Shoemaker. Motion carried.
- V. Minutes of last meeting – Minutes were not available for November 5, 2022 or December 7, 2022.
- VI. The Treasurer’s report was accepted. Handout: Huntington securities paper.
- VII. Clerks Report –
  1. **Motion** by Shaw to pay the December 2022 expenditures in the amount of \$23,269.55 for General Fund, \$28,215.75 for Fire Fund and \$7,2000 for Trash Fund supported by Shoemaker. Motion carried.
- VIII. Correspondence and Guests
  1. Jennifer Lister – Community Officer – Not present.
  2. Kohn Fisher – County Commissioner - Not present
- IX. Public Input – None
- X. Township Reports – Copies of all written reports are available in the Clerk’s office.
  1. Assessor’s Report – Sheneman
    - a. Read by Almose.
  2. Zoning Administrator –
    - a. The original applicant has been asked by Shearer to attend the February 1,2023 meeting to be interviewed. Also waiting to hear back from Khon Fisher, if Laura the ZA for the county might be interested. The ad in the paper resulted in no inquiries.
  3. Fire Department Report – Brierley
    - a. 13 runs for the month of December; 7 fire related, and 6 medical runs. We had 3 mutual aid call for Coldsprings: 2 House fires and a rollover. Total runs for 2021 were 135 and 118 for 2022.
    - b. Old Business: Ice rescue suits are in. Making plans for ice rescue training. SCBA bottles (10) are in, labeled and will go into service in the next week or two.
    - c. New Business: Officers’ meetings are going well. Waiting on Top Notch to fix a vibration problem in one of the hanging furnaces. Also waiting on Cole Garage Doors to repair door opener.
    - d. Truck/Equipment maintenance: MES came in and did annual SCBA air flow testing.
    - e. Shaw inquired of the Chief where the lights and sirens are that were removed from his last vehicle. He replied they are in the inventory. Shaw asked where they are located. Chief replied they are in a box in his pole barn. Shaw told him they should be at the Fire Barn. The Chief stated he was considering putting them on his truck.

- f. Almose asked the Chief if any of 2022 runs were duplicate run numbers. The Chief stated that yes there were a couple. Short discussion regarding dispatch issuing two numbers for same run.

4. Planning Board Report - Shaw

- a. Shearer reportedly asked Dave Southwell to send all the ordinances to the attorney before they came before the Board. Shaw is going to speak with both Fletemier and Southwell about whether the ordinances have all gone to the attorney. Shaw will email the Board members which ordinances are going to be discussed on the February agenda.
- b. Meetings for the next year are scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7PM. Except in June and August there will be meetings at 9:00 AM the third Saturday of the month.
- c. Discussion of Summary of Proposed Revisions dated September 27,2022.

5. Zoning Board of Appeals – Buttermore - no meeting

6. Hospital Report – None

7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker

- a. Presented the Board with a written report. Blue Lake Road is on the Road Commission's Calendar to be completed in 2023.

**XI. Board Member Comments and Input**

1. Almose handed out a printout from MTA All Members Community discussion group regarding the fire chief salaries in small communities.
2. Almose handed out a printout on a grant available from the DNR called the Michigan Spark Grant. These are federal funds thru ARPA allocated to the states. The information was received from the Siddock Group, an engineering firm in Gaylord. Three rounds of grants will be available. First round was due December 19,2022 and awards will be announced in January. There will be a second and third round. Applicants must be a local unit of government. May include another organization established to provide public recreation. All projects must take place on public land. No match and no community planning process required. There is a strong interest from the Kalkaska Sand and Snow Club to partner with Blue Lake Township in writing a grant seeking funds to build a pole barn structure. The structure would include an area for housing/working on grooming equipment, a meeting/education/warming room, rest rooms and a kitchen. Outdoors they would like to include a fire pit area, one outdoor restroom facility and a picnic area. The minimum grant request is \$100,000 and the maximum is \$1,000,000. A resolution is required from Blue Lake Township Board to apply for a Spark Grant. The application must be an agenda item open to discussion by the general public in a meeting of the local unit. Please read the handout and be prepared to discuss at the February 1,2023 meeting.

**XII. New Business –**

1. None

**XIII. Old Business –**

1. None

**XIV. Adjournment – Next meeting February 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm.**

2. **Motion** to adjourn at 8:14 pm by Shoemaker, supported by Almose, motion carried.