

# Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

## Minutes

Township Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

12 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 pm – Shearer
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Shearer
- III. Roll Call of Officers Present: Almose, Nichol, Shaw, and Shearer present, Shoemaker absent.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Shearer - Motion to adopt agenda with change by Almose, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
- V. Minutes of last meeting – Nichol
  1. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated January 8, 2020 by Almose, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
- VI. Treasurers Report - Almose – The Treasurers’ report was accepted.
  1. Motion by Almose to adopt the Hardship Resolution #02052020, supported by Nichol. Roll call vote: Almose, Nichol, Shaw, Shearer all yea (Zero nay, 1 absent) Resolution passed.
  2. CD’s for Highway Fund cashed out and new CD’s purchased from First National.
  3. A copy of the KMHC application of taxpayer millage payments to patient accounts (Rev 2014) was handed out.
- VII. Clerks Report – Nichol
  1. Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$24,180.00. Motion to approve Clerk’s report by Almose, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
  2. Update on new financial software conversion: on track/time/cost
  3. Reminder of the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary
- VIII. Correspondents and Guests
  1. Community Officer – Ben Hawkins
    - a. There were 15 incidents in the township for the month of January. Patrol was the main activity for the month. 14 hours in the township and 1849 miles driven in total.
  2. County Commissioner - Kohn Fisher, not present
- IX. Public Input –
  1. Email from D. Perry regarding wake restriction moratorium. Discussion and comments: the State legislature has on the table a temporary moratorium but to our knowledge it has not passed. There is a process and we are waiting. Supervisor Shearer will provide Mr. Perry with the legislative report and let him know if he would like to hold a meeting (s) on the matter at the township hall he can rent/reserve. Riparian Magazine has lots of complaints listed regarding this matter. The DNR has control over this matter.
  2. Side wall restrictions are removed in the new Zoning Ordinance Language that has yet to be voted on by the board. The Board will take up the matter at the March 4, 2020 meeting (removing the wording for “Home Based Business”. Highlighted changes will be sent to the Board members for their review.
- X. Township Reports
  1. Assessors Report – Grimm
    - a. The Board of Review will be held on 3/3/2020 for its Organizational Meeting and on March 9, 2020 from 9 - Noon and 1 - 4 pm and again on March 11, 2020 from 1 - 4 and 6 - 9 pm to hear from the public.
    - b. Motion to pass Resolution # 02052020B allowing local residents to protest in writing to the Board of Review by Almose, supported by Shearer. Roll call vote: Almose,

Shearer, Shaw, Nichol all yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. Resolution passed.

2. Fire Department Report – Barr - Brierley
  - a. Seven runs in February: three involving fire related and four involving Emergency medical.
  - b. Normal training schedule was accomplished with the exception of EMS, which will be doubled up on for our next EMS training.
  - c. Brierley and the Chief will meet with TransCanada next Monday.
  - d. Brierley received 10 used air packs for the department at no cost. THANK YOU Milan FD!  
Brierley submitted a report as well with Phase II and III updates as well as proposed Fire Training I class in June or July.
  - e. The full report is available in the Clerk's office.
3. Planning Board Report – Shaw
  - a. Motion by Shearer to appoint Dave Gruley and Dave Southwell as members to the planning board, one fills a current opening and one will take the vacated position of El Donna May, supported by Almore, motion carried.
  - b. \*see #2 of Public Input for earlier PB discussion.
4. Zoning Board of Appeals – no meeting
5. Zoning Administrator – Campbell\* Moved to top of list\*
  - a. One permit was requested in January.
6. Hospital Report – Lavender
  - a. Motion by Shearer to accept Lavender's resignation from KMHC Liaison position, with great regret and a hearty thank you for his service, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
  - b. Motion by Shearer to appoint Tracy Nichol to KMHC Liaison, supported by Almore, motion carried (Nichol abstained).
  - c. Annual Election Update: Zenner - Board Chair, Cannon- Vice Chair, Thornburg - Secretary/Treasurer.
  - d. One or more at large positions are available for the KMHC Board.
  - e. Resolution passed to keep support from each Township at 1/100 mil (op levy).
  - f. Midyear goals and objectives were discussed as well as the Munson Health Care update.
  - g. Talking points are available in the Clerk's office.
- XI.** Road Committee Report – Shoemaker - Shearer
  - a. Nothing on the spring books yet. Drivers are needed. Gravel Roads class is available on 3/31/20. Please see Shearer if interested.
- XII.** Board Member Comments and Input
  1. Clear cutting in BLT on south side of Twin Lake past the snow mobile trail.
  2. Seniors (Age 60 and over) will ride free on KPTA anywhere in the county. Please see Shearer for any questions.
  3. Volunteer needed to care for Township Hall flag.
- XIII.** Old Business
  1. Discussed kitchen remodel. 3 quotes wanted. Nichol will be seeking General Contractor quotes.
- XIV.** New Business
- XV.** Adjournment – Next meeting February 5, 2020
  1. Motion to adjourn at 9:11 pm by Shaw, supported by Almore, motion carried.