

# Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

## Minutes

Township Board Regular Meeting Via Zoom

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

7 Present (3 Board Members in Person, 2 via Zoom, 2 General Public via Zoom)

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 pm – Shearer
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Shearer
- III. Roll Call of Officers Present: Almose, Nichol, Shaw, Shearer, Shoemaker all present.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Shearer - Motion to adopt agenda by Nichol, supported by Shoemaker, roll call: Nichol, Shoemaker, Almose, Shaw and Shearer, all yeas. Motion carried.
- V. Minutes of last meeting – Nichol
  1. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated, March 4, 2020 with correction by Shaw, supported by Almose. Roll call: Shaw, Almose, Nichol, Shearer and Shoemaker, all yeas. Motion carried.
- VI. Treasurers Report - Almose – The Treasurers' report was accepted.
- VII. Clerks Report – Nichol
  1. Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$29,359.51. Motion to approve Clerk's report by Almose, supported by Shaw. Roll call: Almose, Shaw, Nichol, Shearer and Shoemaker, all yeas. Motion carried.
  2. Budget Worksheets to be mailed by 4/7/20 end of day, due back by 4/28/20 end of day. Set Budget Workshop date next meeting.
- VIII. Correspondents and Guests
  - I. Community Officer – Ben Hawkins (Report read by Shearer)
    - a. There were 9 incidents in the township for the month of March. Patrol was the main activity for the month. 21 hours in the township and 2240 county miles.
- IX. County Commissioner - Kohn Fisher (KCBOC) – via Zoom
  - a. Fisher met with representatives from the hospital, DHD#10, Emergency Manager, Law Enforcement, Fire and Transit this past Monday regarding the need for safety equipment. The KCBOC advised the County Clerk to purchase the needed items. The KCBOC mandated a general quarantine of snowbirds. DHD#10 created a detailed memo for the news media. Fisher stated the community is on edge and we need to keep the citizens calm. DHD#10 reported very low percentage of people (about 4%) in Kalkaska County with the virus whereas the percent is around 65 downstate.
  - b. The County Building closure has been extended two more weeks.
  - c. Lastly, the board is looking at employee compensation.
- X. Public Input – None
- XI. Township Reports
  1. Zoning Administrator - Campbell
    - a. Three permits and one violation issued in March.
    - b. From last month: Requested the Board and/or PB look at language on late fees. Take out the word “may” in the area unauthorized tree removal and on the fee schedule. Shaw will review the wording in the Zoning Ordinance.
  2. Assessors Report – Grimm
    - a. The Board of Review held in March: results will be in next month's report.
  3. Fire Department Report – Barr - Brierley
    - a. There were five medical runs for the month of March.

- b. E-dispatch is running great. Personnel are getting use the using the ap to respond to calls.
- c. Drivers training class held in March went very well with 20 attendees from six different departments. Those who attended the eight-hour class received a Fire Apparatus Driving certificate from the Michigan Firefighter Training Council.
- d. We are up to date and compliant with the State and Federal mandates on equipment and responses for COVID-19. Our department has been trained on the added steps to ensure regulations are met. Other training included personal protective equipment, pump operations and Hazmat donning/doffing.
- e. Dickens has the task of purchasing all necessary equipment and keep the supplies in stock.
- f. A new firefighter, Samantha Hill-Sam joined the department.
- g. The full report is available in the Clerk's office.

4. Planning Board Report – Shaw – No Meeting

5. Zoning Board of Appeals – No Meeting

6. Hospital Report – Nichol – No Meeting

7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker – No Meeting

- a. Twin Lake Road between Big and Little Twin lakes is covered in water.

**XII. Board Member Comments and Input**

- 1. Running for BLT offices? Paperwork is available from the Clerk.

**XIII. Old Business**

**XIV. New Business**

- 1. Wage Discussion is tabled until next month's meeting.

**XV. Adjournment – Next meeting May 6, 2020**

- 1. Motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm by Shoemaker supported by Shearer. Roll Call: Shoemaker, Shearer, Almose, Shaw and Nichol, all yeas. Motion carried.