

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Township Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

11 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 by Shearer.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Shearer
- III. Roll Call of Officers - Almose, Shaw, Shearer, Shoemaker, and Nichol all present.
- IV. Call for Conflict – Roll call, Almose, Nichol, Shaw, Shoemaker, and Shearer all stated no conflict of interest.
- V. Adoption of Agenda – **Motion** by Nichol to adopt the agenda, supported by Shaw. Motion carried.
- VI. carried.
- VII. Minutes of last meeting – **Motion** by Shaw to accept the June 6, 2023 budget minutes, support by Shearer, motion carried. **Motion** by Shaw to accept the June 7, 2023 regular minutes, supported by Shearer, motion carried.
- VIII. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Discussed CD interest rates, lack of report. CD's will be renewed at Huntington. New ICS account (which is FDIC insured and has 24 hour liquidity) in the amount of \$400,000 at 4.75%.
- IX. Clerks Report – Nichol
 1. **Motion** by Almose to pay the June 2023 expenditures in the amount of \$55,936.16 supported by Shaw. Roll Call: Almose, Shaw, Shearer, Shoemaker, and Nichol all yeas. Motion carried.
- X. Correspondence and Guests
 1. KCSO – Under Sheriff Wagner. An email received from the Sheriff's Office showing 16 incidents in the township including 2 liquor inspections for the month of June. Sheriff asked Under Sheriff Wagner to relay that although Blue Lake Township has ended the contract for extra road patrol, we are welcome to contract for ordinance enforcement. Different townships contract only for this and we could request a copy of their contract from them.
 2. Kohn Fisher – County Commissioner – not present
- XI. Public Input – none
- XII. Township Reports – written reports are available in the Clerk's office.
 1. Assessor's Report – Sheneman –
 - a. BOR scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7 pm.
 2. Fire Department Report – Brierley
 - a. 3 runs for the month of June; 2 fire related, and 1 medical run. 1 mutual aid call for Grayling for a wildland fire.
 - b. Old Business: An invoice was sent to S Branch Fire Chief in the amount of \$1,237.12. The DNR allows us to invoice for our personnel and trucks that were on the scene of the Grayling Wildfire. Federal Grant for air packs update: we have made it to the final round.
 - c. New Business: SOM grant: written in the amount of \$7,699 for a full-size thermal image camera; it allows us to see through smoke and pick up heat images. Michigan DNR grant: written in the amount of \$1,898 for 2 Indian Smoke Chaser II (water backpacks for grass fires) and a battery-operated backpack blower also used for wildland/woods/grass fires. This SOM grant is a 50/50 matching grant.
 - d. Requested by Board: BLT FD Daily Coverage Guideline. A copy of the guideline is attached to this report. After suggestions by Almose and Shaw, the Chief will take

- the guideline back for more officer discussion.
- e. Training: Training for the month consisted of truck checks, EV electrical vehicle fires, SCBA, New Michigan log in procedures.
 - f. Truck/Equipment maintenance: Engine went to CSI for pump testing. CSI installed 800 MHz radio on pump operator's panel and installed a slide out tray on the passenger side front compartment.
3. Planning Board Report – Shaw
 - a. The public hearing held on June 17th was well attended.
 4. Zoning Board of Appeals – Buttermore: No Meeting
 5. Zoning Administrator's Report – Schuhart
 - a. For the month of June: 2 building permits were issued.
 6. Hospital Report – Nichol – Looked at working with KC Bd of Commissioners with regard to the Kaliseum. Approval of capital budget. The MRI machine is on track for and plans to be open in October of 2023. This state-of-the-art MRI is more powerful and clearer than those in the surrounding areas.
 7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker
 - a. Hired Stone Hut for video services and received a draft script for the video.
 - b. Met with BOC Public Relations Committee to present RC's recommendations for putting the \$23/\$24 million bond issue to build a new RC administrative building with garage/barn area on the November 2023 ballot.
 - c. Blue Lake overlay scheduled for mid/late August (chip/seal portion) will be delayed until 2024 as no other projects in the area will be cost prohibitive for BLT.
 - d. Misc: 1) no calls on the call log list 2) 4-page hand out on snowmobile crossing authored by CRAM (County Road Association of Michigan) 3) TCO (traffic control orders) 2-page handout.
 - e. Shoemaker requested to get a Per Mile Cost from KCRC in order for us to forecast.

XIII. Board Member Comments and Input –

XIV. New Business –

1. Report by Shearer: Timber cutting in Blue Lake Township
2. **Motion** by Shaw to sign the KCRC Road Improvement Agreement for Blue Lake Rd from CR 612 to Culvert 04-07 at 1.83 miles in the amount of \$187,061.76. Support by Shearer. Roll Call vote: Shaw, Shearer, Almose, Shoemaker, and Nichol all yeas. Motion carried.

XV. Old Business –

1. **Motion** by Shaw to approve Zoning Ordinance #07052023-1 Section 2.02 Definitions and Section 3.08 Nonconformities amendment. Support by Almose. Roll Call vote: Shaw, Almose, Shearer, Shoemaker, and Nichol all yeas. Motion carried.
2. **Motion** by Almose to approve Zoning Ordinance #07052023-2 Short Term Rentals, and repeal 2.0. 3.20. Supported by Shoemaker. Roll Call vote: Almose, Shoemaker, Shaw yeas. Shearer and Nichol No. Motion Carried.
3. **Motion** by Shaw to approve the Zoning Ordinance #07052023-3 Noise Ordinance. Supported by Almose. Roll Call vote: Shaw, Almose, Shoemaker yeas. Shearer and Nichol No. Motion carried.
4. **Motion** by Nichol to approve the Zoning Ordinance # 07052023-4 Section 4.14 Schedule of Regulation amending Zoning District A height to 26', Zoning Districts RR, R, and LR height to 26' with area increasing to 2,400 sq ft. Supported by Shaw. Roll Call vote: Nichol, Shaw, Almose, Shoemaker, and Shearer all yeas. Motion carried.
5. **Motion** by Shaw to approve the Zoning Ordinance # 07052023-5 Section 2.2 Kennel definition and Section 7.01.5 Kennels or Veterinary Clinic/Hospital (repeal current and replace). Supported by Almose. Roll Call vote: Shaw, Almose, Shearer, Shoemaker all yeas. Nichol No. Motion carried.
6. **Motion** by Shaw to approve the Zoning Ordinance # 07052023-6 Shipping Containers.

Supported by Shearer. Roll Call vote: Shaw, Shearer, Almose, Shoemaker all yea. Nichol No. Motion carried.

XVI. Adjournment – Next meeting Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 10:00 am

1. **Motion** to adjourn at 9:32 pm by Nichol, supported by Shearer, motion carried.