

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Township Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

10 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, Shearer and Shoemaker all present.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Shearer - Motion to adopt agenda with changes by Almose, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.
- V. Minutes of last meeting – Nichol
 1. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated August 7, 2019 by Shoemaker, supported by Almose, motion carried.
- VI. Treasurers Report - Almose – The Treasurers’ report was accepted.
 1. 2.5% Renewal for all CD’s (except Township Improvement which will mature in January 2020).
 2. Grant from Par Plan allowed the Fire Department to purchase and place chevrons on the backs of all vehicles. Almose showed pictures of the old and new look of the trucks.
- VII. Clerks Report – Nichol
 1. Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$27,977.35. Motion to approve Clerk’s report by Almose, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.
- VIII. Correspondents and Guests
 1. Community Officer - Brian Peacock
 - a. There were 10 incidents in the township for the month of August. Complaints and property checks were the main activity for the month with ORV patrol ongoing. 42 hours in the township and 2287 miles driven in total.
 - b. State has made changes to the Fireworks ordinance, Shearer states we will look at any impact it may have on the township ordinance.
 - c. Sherriff’s department purchased a new side by side and it should be in place in about a month. They would like to use the township’s storage building and the township board agreed. A keypad entry will be purchased for ease of use by Sheriff personnel.
 2. County Commissioner - Kohn Fisher, not present
 3. Township Attorney - Peter Wendling
 - a. Discussed the benefits of having a Zoning Complaint form ie: ID witness, allow access that may otherwise not be assessable (is in no access to a public right of way) and a concise record of the complaint. Names on complaint forms are subject to FOIA. Courts give deference to public as a judge can see the impact. It is a policy choice to have complainants name required. If fines attached, possibly use a tiered fine (ie: 1st, 2nd, 3rd complaint with fines tied to each). By using the largest amount for a fine, it will give courts the ability to negotiate fines down. Finally, record retention must be put in place.
- IX. Public Input – T-Mobil now in place on tower near the Fire Barn.
- X. Township Reports
 1. Assessors Report – Grimm - none
 2. Fire Department Report – Barr
 - a. Two fire related and one medical run for August.

- b. Normal training schedule was accomplished with wildfire tactics added. A trauma class was also completed.
- c. The repeater tower is functioning properly.
- d. Projects completed:
 - 1. Underground water line (froze last year) has been insulated.
 - 2. Concrete pad poured around the new well head.
 - 3. Vehicle stops were installed around the new well and the old balusters by the fire barn doors were sanded and painted.
 - 4. Nell McClenaghan painted the Blue Lake Township Fire Department letters on the barn.
- e. Reflective striping was added to the back of the all trucks.
- f. The full report is available in the Clerk's office.

3. Planning Board Report – M Shaw

- a. Dropped sidewall height restrictions on lake frontage accessory buildings.
- b. PB contact list was handed out
- c. Guidelines for responding to public concerns/comments/questions was given to the board.

4. Zoning Board of Appeals – no meeting

5. Zoning Administrator – Campbell

- a. Six permits were issued in August. A new report form was developed with more detailed information.

6. Hospital Report – Lavender

- a. KCRC purchased the house on Birch Street. Considering opening a Walk-In Clinic in the new pavilion in the 3rd hallway. Staffing of PA or Nurse Practitioner with hours M-F noon to 8 pm and Saturday 8 am until noon. Want: build in more public space. Finally, KCRC expects changes in auto insurance will have a negative monetary effect.
- b. Talking points are available in the Clerk's office.

7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker

- a. Not much happening in our township currently.

XI. Board Member Comments and Input

XII. New Business – Trash pickup bids wanted ad to be put in both the Grayling Avalanche and Kalkaska Review for three consecutive weeks.

XIII. Old Business

- 1. Fencing - Motion by Shoemaker to table until Spring, supported by Nichol, motion carried.

XIV. Adjournment – Next meeting October 2, 2019

- 1. Motion to adjourn at 9:18 pm by Almose, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.