

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Township Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

11 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 pm by Shearer
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Shearer
- III. Roll Call of Officers – Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker, Shearer, and Nichol all present.
- IV. Call for Conflict – Roll call, Shearer, Nichol, Shaw, and Shoemaker all stated no conflict of interest.
- V. Adoption of Agenda – **Motion** by Nichol to adopt the agenda, supported by Shaw. Motion carried.
- VI. Minutes of last meeting – **Motion** by Shaw to accept the October 4, 2023, minutes, support by Shearer, motion carried.
- VII. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Highway Fund CD was cashed in, and money was moved to Huntington ICS, which had the highest interest rate.
- VIII. Clerks Report – Nichol
 1. **Motion** by Shaw to pay the October 2023 expenditures in the amount of \$32,250.89 supported by Shearer. Roll Call: Shaw, Shearer, Shoemaker, and Nichol all year. Motion carried.
 2. Corrected financials from September 2023 handed out.
 3. The vote is next Tuesday November 7, 2023. One question only, posed by Kalkaska County Road Commission.
- IX. Correspondence and Guests
 1. Community Officer, Ray Farrier – 5 incidents in the township including 2 liquor inspections. Property checks can be called in, a form is available online through the Sheriff's office website, or a form can be filled here, and Deputy Farrier will pick them up.
 2. Kohn Fisher – County Commissioner – not present
- X. Public Input – The walking bridge had screws put into it by someone. The Association, in the past, has done repairs and has money to continue to do so. A member of the Association will screw them down now. Repairs are mainly done in the spring of the year. Shearer will check to see if any monies are available for repairs from the Road Commission are available.
 1. Assessor's Report – Sheneman –
 - a. A date for the December Board of Review will be forthcoming.
 2. Fire Department Report – Brierley
 - a. 5 runs for the month of October; 1 fire related, and 4 medical runs, 0 Mutual Aid.
 - b. Old Business: Airpack grant is about a 6-month process, orders have been placed. There will be a fit test on the masks for those department members who will be wearing them. We received the grant (\$10,000) from the State of Michigan grant for new thermal imaging cameras. **Motion** by Shearer to purchase the new thermal imaging camera which will be reimbursed by the State of Michigan through the \$10,000 grant, support by Shaw. Roll call: Almose, Shoemaker, Shaw, Shearer, and Nichol all yeas. Motion passed. KCSAS selected the Blue Lake Fire Department as this year's recipients of their fundraiser. The FD will be using the dollars raised toward side x side doors, roof, windows. The KCSAS was grateful the dollars will be used for something that will also benefit the trail raiders. Discussed the Textron side x side. 1e: 800 CC etc. **Motion** by Shearer to purchase the Side x Side for \$15, 549, supported by Nichol. Roll call vote: Shearer, Nichol, Almose, Shoemaker all yeas, Shaw No. Motion carried. Discussed the sale of the ARGO of

which the board had no objections. The dollars, upon sale will be used to help outfit the Side x Side.

- c. New Business: Met with the officers and discussed replacing the new apparatus. Discussed putting out a .3 millage for new equipment adding about \$25,000 per year. Robertson Township is selling their 2017 Fire Truck. We can purchase for approximately \$100,000. We could sell our Fire Truck for approximately \$40,000 - \$65,000. The CAFR works on the new truck. A new Fire Truck matching the specs would sell for \$1.2 million. After much discussion: **Motion** by Nichol to purchase the 2017 Freightliner Commercial for up to \$100,000, supported by Shearer. Roll call vote: Nichol, Shearer yea, Almose, Shaw and Shoemaker no. Motion failed.
- d. Training: Training for the month consisted of medical CEU pediatric assessment/air, water supply IC, truck checks, and thermal image camera/Edispatches/Pulsara
- e. Truck/Equipment maintenance: Still waiting on CSI for air horn work. Fick and Sons scheduled the annual preventive maintenance.

3. Planning Board Report – Shaw: next meeting is November 28, 2023 at 7 pm at the Township hall for the purpose of discussing Short Term Rental.

4. Zoning Board of Appeals – Buttermore: No Meeting

5. Zoning Administrator's Report – Schuhart in training this evening. No report.

6. Hospital Report – Nichol –The Talking Points are available in the Clerk's office.

7. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker – next meeting November 8, 2023 at 9:00 am.

XI. Board Member Comments and Input –

XII. New Business –

- 1. Nichol discussed the new Maple Glory: she contacted AuSable who stated that approve the purchase, it has been in existence for a very long time and is now found in several area's throughout the US and Canada.

XIII. Old Business –

- 1. ARPA – nothing new to report
- 2. Kitchen – nothing new to report
- 3. Pension Update - still researching

XIV. Adjournment – Next meeting Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm

- 1. **Motion** to adjourn at 9.15 pm by Nichol, supported by Shearer, motion carried.