Blue Lake Township

Approved

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Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 6 2023

1. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Shearer
3. Roll Call of Board Members – Almose, Shaw, Shearer, Shoemaker all present. Nichol absent.
4. Adoption of Agenda – **Motion** to adopt agenda by Shoemaker, supported by Shaw. Motion carried.
5. Call for Conflict – Shearer – Roll call, Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker, and Shearer all stated no conflict of interest.
6. Minutes of last meeting – No minutes available
7. The Treasurer’s report was accepted.
	1. All accounts balanced with small variance in General Fund. Suspect a problem with Quick Books which will be identified and corrected.
	2. **Motion** by Almose to approve contract with Northwest Education Services, supported by Shaw. Motion carried.
8. Clerks Report –
	1. **Motion** by Almose to pay the November expenditures, supported by Shaw. Roll Call: Almose, Shaw, Shoemaker, Shearer, all yeas. Motion carried.
9. Correspondence and Guests
	1. Pat Whiteford, the Sheriff, thanked the township for the community officer contract and stated the new contracts will be available in January.
	2. Deputy Farrier reviewed his monthly report and stated he has received many requests for home inspections.
	3. Kohn Fisher – County Commissioner, stated that they are still working to hire an Administrator for the County. They are also working to appoint a commissioner than has resigned. Have been working on the budget.
10. Public Input – None
11. Township Reports – written reports are available in the Clerk’s office.
	1. Assessor’s Report – Sheneman
		1. Board of Review will meet December 12th at 2:30.
	2. Fire Department Report – Brierley
		1. 9 runs for the month of November; 0 fire related, and 5 medical runs. We had 1 mutual aid, 3 cancelled calls and 1 tree down. The chief reviewed the new AFG Summary sheet.
		2. Old Business: The officers are discussing the need to update our Engine and will present recommendations and a 5-year plan at the January Board Meeting. The Chief stated that the Sand and Snow Club will be presenting our Fire Dept. with $2500 to outfit the new side by side.
		3. New Business. Chief Mike Umphrye from South Branch Fire Dept. presented an overview of MABAS. He stated no cost to departments to be a member. The program is designed for large scale events requiring many people and specialized personnel. The program is funded through State of Michigan. Costs may be covered by insurance carriers, depending on circumstances. Small Departments

will not be required to send equipment or personnel unless available. We would be required to supply mutual aid for surrounding areas if they are on a MABAS call.

* + 1. The chief stated the Polaris 4-wheeler is not being used. The machine was paid for by Trans Canada for the fire department. The chief would like to sell this machine and use the proceeds to outfit the side by side. A **motion** to sell the 4-wheeler by sealed bids from fire department personnel, starting at $3000 was made by Shoemaker, supported by Shearer, all yeas, motion passed.
		2. The Chief stated that the Target Solutions program for tracking and reporting runs is no longer available through the County. The chief purchased a fire program that will track everything the fire department needs. The yearly cost is $2040, and the initial start-up cost is $2110. Almose noted a discrepancy between these stated costs and the check for $2493.00.
		3. Training: Training for the month consisted of truck checks, communications, SCBA, and ropes and Knots
		4. Truck/Equipment maintenance: Preventive Maintenance by Fisk and Sons. All trucks passed DOT inspections.
	1. Planning Board Report - Shaw
		1. The PB met Nov. 28th to formulate questions concerning Rentals which will be sent to the attorney. The Planning Commission meets again Jan. 30th to review information from attorney and make recommendations to the board.
	2. Zoning Board of Appeals – Buttermore - no meeting
	3. Zoning Administrator – Schuhart absent
		1. No report
	4. Hospital Report – Nichol absent
		1. No report
	5. Road Committee Report – Shoemaker

Shoemaker stated Blue Lake Rd. from the culvert to Bell Ave. will be chip sealed at County expense and the Township paying for shoulder work only. This is good news as our money can be used for other township improvements.

1. Board Member Comments and Input
	1. none
2. Old Business
	1. No updates for Hall remodel, or ARPA or Brighthouse pay outs.
3. New Business
	1. none
4. Adjournment – Next meeting Jan 3, at 7:00 pm
	1. **Motion** to adjourn at 813 pm by Shoemaker, supported by Shearer, motion carried.