Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Township Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

14 Present

1. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 pm – Shearer
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Shearer
3. Roll Call of Officers Present: Almose, Nichol, Shaw, Shearer and Shoemaker all present.
4. Adoption of Agenda – Shearer - Motion to adopt agenda by Almose, supported by Nichol, motion carried.
5. Minutes of last meeting – Nichol
   1. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated September 6, 2017 by Shaw, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.
6. Treasurers Report - Almose – The Treasurers’ report was accepted.
7. Clerks Report - Nichol
   1. Approve payment of bills in the amount of $17,773.69. Motion to approve Clerk’s report by Shaw, supported by Almose, motion carried.
   2. Motion by Nichol to grant the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief the right and responsibility to be credit card holders for Blue Lake Township, supported by Shaw, motion carried (all ayes, no nays). Currently, those people who are eligible are Supervisor Blair Shearer, Clerk Tracy Nichol (Teresa), Treasurer Chris Almose (Christine), and Assistant Fire Chief Randy Dickens (Randall). The two people who are responsible for the cards issuance, maximums and changes are the Supervisor and the Clerk. New credit cards from 4Front Credit Union will have maximums as follows: Supervisor $5,000, Clerk $2,500, Treasurer $2,500 and Assistant Fire Chief $2,500 thus placing a maximum of $12,500 on the township as a whole. The credit cards are not allowed to have cash advances.
8. Correspondents and Guests
   1. Community Officer - Brian Peacock
      1. There were 13 incidents in the Township for September with property checks being the main activity for the month. Deputy Peacock logged 32 hours and 20 property checks.
      2. Sgt. Rich Gillissee was in to update us on plans to build a new jail. The process is estimated to take six years from start to finish. The direction thus far is to build an 80-bed facility. It these initial stages of planning, the dispatch, prosecutor and jail will be housed in the same complex. Over the years the needs of the Sheriff’s Department and County not to mention rules and regulation have changed; this will all be taken into consideration while plans are being drafted.
   2. County Commissioner - Kohn Fisher, not present
9. Public Input – none
10. Township Reports
    1. Assessors Report – Grimm
       1. Reminder: Grimm changed his office hours to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 9:00 am until noon. This in an hour increase per scheduled day.
       2. October will continue with visits to construction projects. As of September 1st, there were 54 active building projects in the Township. All transfers and PRE’s are up to date.
       3. The Board of Review will meet in December. Times will be posted in the coming month.
       4. Motion by Shearer to appoint new Board of Review Member, Ken Gretke, supported by Almose, motion carried.
       5. The full report is available in the Clerk’s office.
    2. Fire Department Report – Barr
       1. There were seven medical runs and two fire related incidents for the month of September.
       2. Normal training was accomplished including restarting the required in-service EMS training after the summer break.
       3. A sensor failed on K-41 (pumper). The annual pump test will be completed later in October due to the necessary pump repairs.
       4. The full report is available in the Clerk’s office.
    3. Planning Board Report – R Allen
       1. Motion by Shearer to appoint new Planning Board member Tina Peterson, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.
       2. Motion by Shearer to appoint new Planning Board alternate member Judy Gretke, supported by Nichol, motion carried
       3. Shaw relayed the meeting held this am included discussion on side wall height.
    4. Zoning Board of Appeals – Lavender – no meeting
       1. There will be an upcoming meeting. Once the date is fixed, ZA Campbell will notify adjacent properties owners and place the particulars in the newspaper.
    5. Zoning Administrator – Campbell
       1. Five zoning permits and one violation were issued in September.
    6. Hospital Report –McCulloch
       1. Plante Moran gave a presentation on KMHC’s FYE June 30, 2017 audit.
       2. The master facility plan update was addressed.
       3. A blood drive will be held on November 9th from 1 – 6 pm in the cardiac rehab gym (lower level of KMHC).
       4. A Munson Healthcare update was also relayed.
       5. The full report is available in the Clerk’s office.
    7. Road Committee Report –
       1. Motion by Shearer to appoint Larry Shoemaker as the Road Committee Liaison, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
11. Board Member Comments and Input
    1. Nichol updated the Board and audience on the new voting equipment required by the State. The clerk and deputy attended an afternoon of training in Kalkaska. The clerk plans to purchase another VAT (voter assist terminal) this fiscal year. A budget was placed for the equipment but, the State paid for the first unit in full. An audience member stated this was just like the equipment he used while living in Texas. The clerk also plans to put on training for election workers and community members in the coming months.
12. Old Business
    1. American Tower Lease. American Tower sent an email offer to purchase the tower for $201,600. The board declined the offer but Nichol wants the Board to make a formal motion. Motion by Nichol to decline the American Tower offer to purchase the lease for $201,600, supported by Shearer, motion carried (all yeas, no nays). The Blue Lake Township Board does not plan to entertain the selling of this lease anytime in the foreseeable future.
13. New Business
14. Adjournment – Next meeting November 1, 2017
    1. Motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm by Shaw, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.