

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Township Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

11 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 present.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Shearer - Motion to adopt agenda Almose, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.
- V. Minutes of last meeting – Nichol – Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated December 7, 2016 by Shaw, supported by Almose, motion carried.
- VI. Treasurers Report - Almose – The Treasurers’ report was accepted.
- VII. Clerks Report - Nichol
 1. Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$37,321.87. Motion to approve Clerk’s report by Almose, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.
 2. Audit results discussed. Summarized, very pleased with results.
- VIII. Correspondents and Guests
 1. Community Officer - Brian Peacock
 - a. There were 13 incidents in the Township for November with patrol being the main activity for the month. Deputy Peacock logged 48 hours. 52 property checks were completed.
 2. County Commissioner - Kohn Fisher – not present
 3. Sheriff – Pat Whiteford
 - a. Looking at new jail project which will be 6 – 8 years out. The jail was built in 1984 with life of 15 years as it was built with old parts from other facilities. Side note to jail: MDC-Michigan Department of Corrections is taking over annual inspections. The new security system for the jail is approximately 2 weeks from being finished. Included in the security upgrade was the court house and annex. Currently looking into upgrading security in other buildings (ex: COA)
- IX. Public Input - None
- X. Township Reports
 1. Assessors Report – Grimm
 - a. For the month of January, analysis of sales will be finished and will begin finalizing land and ECF values in preparation for producing the 2017 assessment roll.
 - b. December Board of Review Meeting held on December 13, 2016 for corrections of errors resolved one veteran request and two corrections.
 - c. Board of Review organizational meeting March 7, 2017 at 1:30 pm. Regular meetings will be held on March 13 from 9 am until noon and from 1 pm until 4 pm and again on March 15 from 1 pm until 4 pm and 9 pm until 9 pm.
 - d. Motion by Shearer to appoint J Lavender, D Bowman and C Buttermore as members and M Allen as alternate member for the Board of Review with terms of 2 years, supported by Almose, motion carried
 - e. Labels (tabled from last meeting). We will only print reports that are available. Shearer will send a letter to Fisher, County Commissioner with our thoughts on the County’s Equalization Department.
 2. Fire Department Report – Barr
 - a. Three medical runs, two snowmobile incidents and a downed tree for the month of

December.

- b. Our normal training cycle was accomplished.
- c. The Argo was serviced and tracks put on.
- d. Several volunteers were gone in December, mostly to visit family over the holidays. Our Christmas pot luck was a fun event.
- e. Nichol asked Barr to discuss workman's comp with other fire chiefs/departments to see who they use as Blue Lake is looking for cost savings.

3. Planning Board Report – R Allen –no meeting

- a. Motion by Shearer to appoint Planning Commission Members R Allen, M Shaw and J Lavender to 3 years terms, supported Nichol, motion carried.
- b. Next meeting will be held in March 2017.

4. Zoning Board of Appeals – Hughes – no meeting

- a. Motion by Shearer to appoint J Lavender Chairman, M Allen Alternate member and Larry Shoemaker member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with terms of 3 years, supported by Almose, motion carried.

5. Zoning Administrator – Campbell

- a. One building permit was issued in December.

6. Hospital Report – McCulloch (Lavender as McCulloch not in attendance)

- a. McCulloch supplied a hand out of talking points from the December 13, 2016 meeting. Highlights include physician updates, new certified nursing course beginning January 8th, KMHC recognized for having the fastest “door to door” STEMI treatment times among MHC hospitals, campus update, Kalkaska community blood drive: 1/12/17 from 1-6 pm and free community education: Treat your Heart Like a Cadillac: 2/15 at 6 pm.

7. Road Committee Report – M Allen no report

XI. Board Member Comments and Input

1. Charter phoned Nichol regarding phone and internet for the Fire Barn. The cost originally estimated to be less than \$5,000 now is estimated to be \$20-\$25,000. Charter pays the first \$5,000. Blue Lake will not be using Charter until costs fall below the \$5,000 mark.

XII. New Business

1. Township fees (decision next meeting)
2. Motion lights on the office building have been fixed.
3. Look over snow plow/blow bid language.

XIII. Old Business

1. Hole under siding has been plugged up.
2. New locks for the main office and hall entrance have been installed. Keys will be signed out for each door.
3. Employee passwords still need to be sent to the Clerk in a sealed envelope per the new policy.

XIV. Adjournment – Next meeting February 1, 2017

1. Motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm by Shoemaker, supported by Shaw, motion carried.