

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Township Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

25 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 pm - McCulloch
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – McCulloch
- III. Roll Call of Officers Present: Almose, McCulloch, Nichol, Shaw and Shoemaker all present.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – McCulloch - Motion to adopt agenda by Almose, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
- V. Minutes of last meeting – Nichol – Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated June 1, 2016 and Special meeting dated June 22, 2016 by Shoemaker, supported by Almose, motion carried.
- VI. Treasurers Report - Almose – The Treasurers' report was accepted
 1. Motion by Almose to pay bill from KCI in the amount of \$826.56 for the preparation and printing of the summer tax bills, supported by Nichol, motion carried.
- VII. Clerks Report - Nichol
 1. Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$50,641.83. Motion to approve Clerk's report by Almose, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
 2. Year End Financial Results
 3. Audit Date – to be determined
- VIII. Correspondents and Guests
 1. Community Officer - Brian Peacock
 - a. There were 12 incidents in the Township for June with patrol being the main activity for the month. Deputy Peacock logged 48 hours and 2653 miles.
 - b. New Deputy, Nathan Graham was introduced. KCSO also has a new marine officer, Deputy Ferrier who works on inland lakes.
 2. County Commissioner - Kohn Fisher
 - a. The County has approved the advertisement for the Equalization Director position. They are looking into hiring or contracting for an appraiser.
- IX. Public Input
 1. Sheriff Pat Whiteford gave a brief rundown of how the 4th of July went for our township and the county. Marine Deputy Gary Owens was on Torch Lake and noticed a reduction in the participants who have normally gathered there for this holiday. Arrests were up however, over last year. Environmentally speaking, Torch Lake was much better this year than in previous years.
 2. Sheriff Whiteford is running for Sheriff in the August Primary and gave a synopsis of his prior experience and personal life.
 3. Deb Hill is running for County Clerk and gave a synopsis of her prior experience and personal life.
 4. Val Thornburg is running for County Treasurer and relayed the county has not had to borrow money for the first time in four years to pay off Township's for late tax payments.
 5. JoAnn DeGraff is running for County Registrar of Deeds and explained the E-recordings that will happen in the future (will not include Deeds), those who wish to sign-up with their emails will be notified if there are any changes made to a deed in their name, and beginning October of this year the State of Michigan has made all ROD's charge a flat fee of \$30 per request.
 6. Colin Hunter is running for Circuit Court Judge and gave a professional and personal synopsis. He states Demeanor is what sets him apart from his opponents.

7. Jason Thompson is running for Circuit Court Judge and states he currently is a partner in a law firm. He has the endorsements of Jerry Cannon and Judge Mertz.
8. Audience members requested we put on our website the hours of high speed boating (11 am until 7:30 pm) as there was an error in the Summer Newsletter.
9. There will be a summer concert at the fire barn on August 29th at 6 pm. Allpeter out of Petoskey will play bluegrass. The concert is free but you are asked to bring a chair and beverage.

X. Township Reports

1. Assessors Report – Grimm
 - a. July Board of Review Meeting (July 19, 2016 – 1:30 PM) for corrections of errors.
 - b. Assessor Interviews, Discussion and Decision. Motion by Nichol to accept the Grimm Assessing LLC contract for 3 years at \$17,000, \$17,500, and \$18,000 respectfully, supported by Shaw. Roll call vote: Nichol, Shaw, Almose, McCulloch and Shoemaker all yea's, motion carried.
2. Fire Department Report – Barr not in attendance, Lavender gave report
 - a. Fire runs in June were all medical.
 - b. The training included basic life support recertification.
 - c. #41 Pumper is having trouble with foam, needs air. It is being worked on to correct the issues.
 - d. The Volunteer Fire Department requests the support of Blue Lake Township voters in their request for renewal of the 1 mil on August's ballot.
3. Planning Board Report – R Allen
 - a. A public meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 6th at 9:00 am to go over the draft of the Master Plan.
4. Zoning Board of Appeals – Hughes
5. Zoning Administrator – Shearer
 - a. Two building permits issued in June.
 - b. Violations included a court appearance scheduled for July 18th and an oversized deck in the green zone and no building permit.
 - c. The complaint form needs to be revamped, the board agrees and the attorney will give his input on changes.
6. Hospital Report – McCulloch – June 28th
 - a. The Community Hospital Needs Assessment identified the top health needs and the board is now looking at implementation strategies to address them.
 - b. The fiscal year 2017 operating budget was reviewed and approved. The budget includes approximately 20 new full time employees to meet the needs due to the increasing patient volumes in all areas of the hospital. It also included a 0.01 mill assessment for each Township.
 - c. The next Community Sharps Day Disposal will be held on September 6, 2016 from 10 am – 2 pm in the KMHC main entrance.
 - d. Munson Healthcare continues to work with West Shore Hospital in Manistee on potential integration. Munson represents only 65% of the total system volume which has required major changes in MHC support operations of Finance, Purchasing and Information Technology.
 - e. The full report is available in the Clerk's office.
7. Road Committee Report – M Allen
 - a. John Rogers stated Starvation Lake Rd to be completed by October 1st. The project will have savings that come as a welcome relief due to the culvert failure.
 - b. Motion by McCulloch to sign the KCRC contract to improve East Bass Lake Rd, Little Twin Lake Rd, Gedman Road by wedging where needed, chip and Fog seal in accordance with the estimate for a cost of \$81,237.50 with the stipulation that if the work is not done this year the contractor will hold price at this contract level,

supported by Shaw, motion carried.

XI. Board Member Comments and Input

XII. New Business

1. Town Hall Snow Removal Contract for this winter. Motion by Nichol to accept the snow blowing bid for the township hall winter 2016/2017 by Kotsch's Complete Cottage Care at \$3,600 with an open \$100 raise per year if agreed upon by both parties, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.
2. American Waste Trash pick-up proposal. Motion by Shoemaker to accept the American Waste contract extension for 2017 through 2019 at the rate of \$45,720, \$47,100 and \$48,540 respectively, supported by Shaw, motion passed.

XIII. Old Business

1. McCulloch will look into companies to line the parking lot at the township hall.

XIV. Adjournment – Next meeting August 3

1. Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by Nichol, supported by Shaw, motion carried.