Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Township Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

19 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 Shaw, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.
5. Minutes of last meeting – Nichol
   1. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated July 5, 2017 by Shaw, supported by Almose, motion carried.
6. Treasurers Report - Almose – The Treasurers’ report was accepted.
7. Clerks Report - Nichol
   1. Approve payment of bills in the amount of $17,234.16. Motion to approve Clerk’s report by Almose, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
8. Correspondents and Guests
   1. Community Officer - Brian Peacock
      1. There were 9 incidents in the Township for July with property checks being the main activity for the month while ORV and Marine patrol were on going. Deputy Peacock logged 42 hours and 37 property checks.
      2. Concerns by citizens with fast moving vehicles (Bob/Judy Turner) and a letter by Nancy White. The board with Deputy Peacock discussed the matter in detail along with insight from John Rogers, Manager at KCRC. The board will continue to consider different alternatives to address speed issues. Deputy Peacock will set up the traffic volume and speed equipment once the paving on Sunset Trail is complete. Rogers will make sure tree limbs on Sunset Trail are cut down so traffic signs can be seen.
      3. Lt. Wagner discussed a letter from the Sheriff dated 7/19/17 regarding the cost for 800 MHz radios. Blue Lake Township (as well as other Townships) did not use all the funds available. Blue Lake did not need to add in any additional money while other Townships did. According to Chief Barr, we purchased what was needed. It will be our responsibility to purchase units in the future, should we need more.
   2. County Commissioner - Kohn Fisher, not present
   3. KCRC Manager – John Rogers
      1. Discussed the 2017 Kalkaska County Road Commission Annual Report to the Community. A copy of which is on file in the Clerk’s office. The amount of work the RC was able to complete grew since the road millage was passed in 2015.
      2. Two trucks will be retired and four trucks will be purchased. The level of service should increase.
      3. Shoemaker voiced his concern over four holes in the road that were never filled before construction began on Bass Lake Rd. This concern is heightened due to Sunset Trail being the next road to fix and there are many holes and broken areas to be fixed.
      4. Shaw voiced her concerns over water issues still happening by Lakeview and Sunberry Rd. Rogers stated water always wins and it seems there is no real answer to stop the run off as it is in the pitch of the land.
9. Public Input
10. Township Reports
    1. Assessors Report – Grimm (no report)
    2. Fire Department Report – Barr
       1. There were four medical runs, two fire related runs, a CO alert and an assist for Station #6 at a downed tree on the roadway for July.
       2. Normal training was accomplished.
       3. Shoemaker escorted our Risk Management specialist through the fire barn in July. Much of the specialists time was spent on our policies and procedures. Our 1.5” thick policy manual was in good order. He did suggest we incorporate physicals for firefighters.
       4. The county wide transition to 800 MHz radios continues with our order of 2 mobiles and seven portables being ordered. Motion by Nichol to send a letter to Sheriff Whiteford stating Blue Lake Township agrees with the 800 MHz plan and purchase of the 800 MHz radios, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
       5. Our Captain suffered a heart attack and is recuperating. Lavender will step in for the near term. We wish Norm a fast recovery.
       6. The full report is available in the Clerk’s office.
    3. Planning Board Report – R Allen
       1. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 5th at 9:00 am.
    4. Zoning Board of Appeals – Lavender – no meeting
    5. Zoning Administrator – Campbell
       1. Five zoning permits and one violation were issued in July.
    6. Hospital Report – McCulloch
       1. The critical access hospital network agreement with Munson was reviewed.
       2. Despite challenges, particularly with revenue deductions, KMHC ended with a strong year.
       3. Free community Sharps disposal day is 9/13/17 between 1:30 and 3:30 pm in the hospitals main entrance.
       4. A draft of the fiscal year 2018 goals and objectives was shared. A Munson update was given.
       5. The full report is available in the Clerk’s office.
    7. Road Committee Report – M Allen no report
11. Board Member Comments and Input
    1. Nichol updated the board on the visit from Risk Management.
    2. Nichol to contract with Brad to power wash the building and to remove the bugs inside the lights. Nichol to contract with Northern Lake Services to conduct the annual maintenance on the two mini-splits. Nichol to purchase a battery-operated blower.
12. New Business
13. Old Business
14. Adjournment – Next meeting September 6, 2017
    1. Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm by Shoemaker, supported by Nichol, motion carried.