

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Township Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 3, 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 Shoemaker, motion carried.
- V. Minutes of last meeting – Nichol – Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated July 6, 2016 Almose, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
- VI. Treasurers Report - Almose – The Treasurers' report was accepted
- VII. Clerks Report - Nichol
 1. Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$57,070.47. Motion to approve Clerk's report by Shaw, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.
 2. Motion by Nichol to pay Gutter Pro Invoice \$1,960 for seal coating Fire Department's driveway, support by Almose, motion carried.
 3. Audit Date August 17
 4. Election Results
- VIII. Correspondents and Guests
 1. Community Officer - Brian Peacock
 - a. There were 14 incidents in the Township for July with patrol and complaints being the main activity for the month. Deputy Peacock logged 38 hours and 2161 miles.
 2. County Commissioner - Kohn Fisher – not present
 3. Sgt. Eric Johnson discussed staffing; they are almost to full staff but still looking for corrections officer. He also stated their semiannual training (2 – 10 hr. days) is coming up. Deputy Peacock is one of the instructors; he trains in both firearms as well as Taser.
- IX. Public Input
 1. Mr. Eikes informed us an Elmers Truck took out about 3 feet of asphalt on Plum and Sunset Trail. Once it was reported, Elmers was out the next day and repaired the road.
 2. Mr. Eikes was also seeking help for his cable outage issue. He wanted to see if the Board could request a Charter Representative come to our next meeting to discuss these issues.
- X. Township Reports
 1. Assessors Report – Grimm – no report
 - a. July Board of Review for corrections of errors resulted in 8 changes. The full report is available in the Clerk's office.
 2. Fire Department Report – Barr
 - a. Barr reported on runs in May (2 rescue and 1 fire), June (3 rescue) and July (8 medical and 3 fire). July set an all-time high for the number of runs.
 - b. The normal training cycle was completed.
 - c. 10 pager batteries and 7 LED flashlight batteries were replaced at a cost of about \$650. The garage door opener failed and was replaced. The driveway was seal coated.
 - d. Barr attended a 911 Authority Board meeting where discussion was around the 800 MHz radios.
 3. Planning Board Report – R Allen
 - a. A public meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 13th at 9:00 am to go over the

draft of the Master Plan (a copy of which is on-line).

4. Zoning Board of Appeals – Hughes
5. Zoning Administrator – Shearer
 - a. One building permit issued in July.
 - b. An update on outstanding violations was given.
6. Hospital Report – McCulloch – June 28th
 - a. KMHC has experienced volume increases in almost every department.
 - b. The FYE found the hospital generated approximately \$3 million in revenues. These revenues were used to build and pay for the new LTC Greenhouses and other capital needs.
 - c. The majority of the meeting was spent reviewing the management accomplishments of last year and goals for this year.
 - d. One major goal will be to have the county voters pass the renewal of the hospital capital millage; critical for future hospital expansion and conversion of the older long term care facility.
 - e. The full report is available in the Clerk's office.
7. Road Committee Report – M Allen
 - a. Starvation Lake construction should begin on the 8th. The road will be closed and detours posted.
 - b. KCRC is looking for ways to take advantage of lower cost asphalt; perhaps bonding \$5 million to take care of 50% of the roads (40 miles of the 80 miles in Kalkaska). Prices are about 20% below previous years.
 - c. McCulloch will speak to Rogers about reclaiming of gravel on the sides of our roads.

XI. Board Member Comments and Input

1. Mark from American Waste spoke with his employees regarding Blue Lake Township's large item pickups. There should be less confusion about getting our large items picked up.

XII. New Business

1. Transfer of funds resolution. Motion by McCulloch to pass the transfer of funds resolution #08032016-1 thereby resolving to transfer \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Township Improvement Fund, supported by Nichol. Roll call vote: McCulloch, Nichol, Almose, Shaw and Shoemaker all yeas, resolution adopted.

XIII. Old Business

1. Nichol reported on the kitchen remodel progress. Pete Weighman submitted his report on the flooring. Drawings are in progress (Campbell) and the electricians will be out to install the subpanel.
2. McCulloch has a drawing for the parking lot with 24 spaces and moving the handicap spaces 180 degrees to allow for more parking.

XIV. Adjournment – Next meeting August 3

1. Motion to adjourn at 8:38 pm by Shaw, supported by Shoemaker, motion carried.